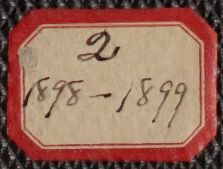
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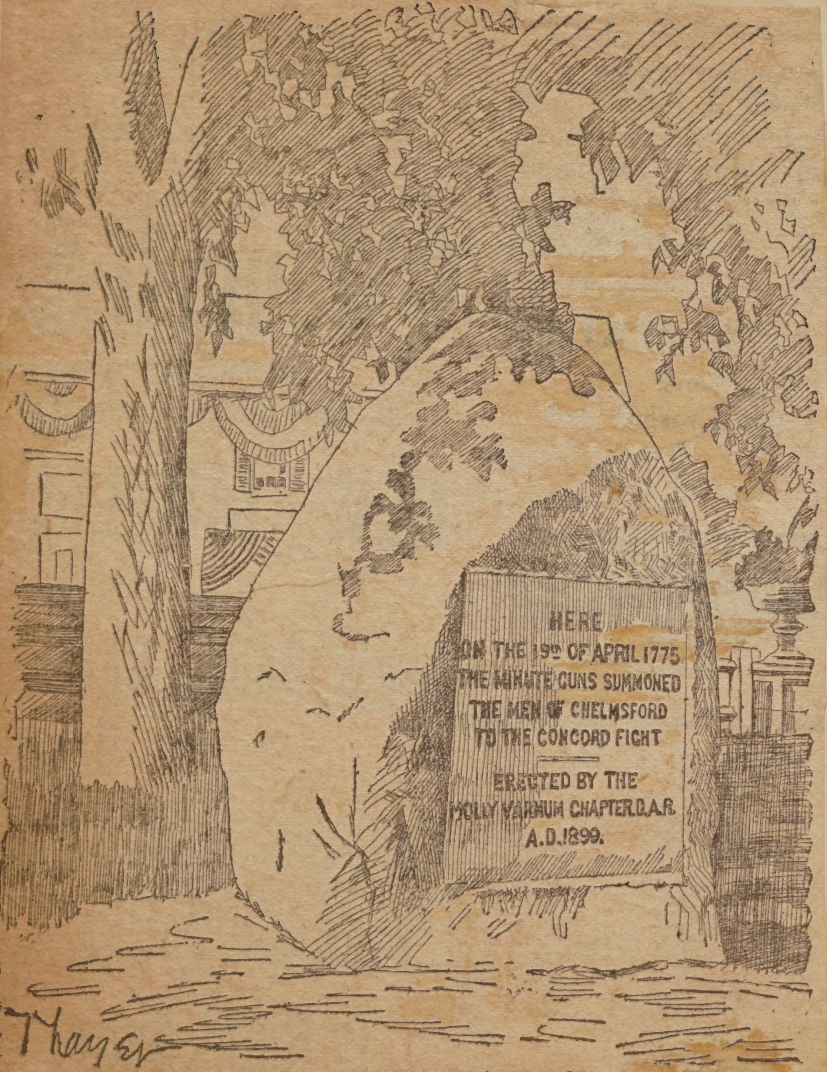

THE MEMORIAL BOULDER.
Marking the Place From Which Chelmsford Minute Men Started For Concord.
(From Photograph by Freeman.)

MRS. DONALD McLEAN.
Who Delivered the Address at Chelmsford.

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The Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R. which was to have met with Mrs. C. B. Ranlett held the meeting at the home of Mrs. E. J. Neale In the absence of the Regent Mrs. H. M. Thompson presided The meeting was opened by singing America and reading a part of the Constitution

The record of the last meeting (annual) was read and accepted Mrs. Thompson who attended the Regents meeting in Boston reported the reduction of dues (to help pay expense of State work) from 15 cents to 10 cents per member. A Petition was read from the Secy of the Paul Revere School Decoration Com. setting forth the need of cooperation and united action in matters pertaining to the patriotic objects for which our organizations were instituted

Mrs. Brock moved that we appoint a Delegate to Cooperate with other delegates who would be appointed by other Chapters and Societies to form this Com. on Cooperation The motion was lost and no delegate was appointed

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Mrs. E. M. Williams sang a solo Heaven and Earth. Mrs. Harry Raynes read a paper on Sir William Pepperell

Miss Rosalie A. Williams followed with a violin solo -

Miss Alice Sleeper a member of Captain John Ford Soc. C.A.R. gave a patriotic selection. Mrs. Emma Manning Huntley read extracts from an old diary which was kept by a young lady during the Revolutionary War.

Mrs. E. M. Williams closed the entertainment by singing The Star Spangled Banner. After which a social half hour was enjoyed with light refreshments. No. present 45

Maria M. Neale

Secy

Jan. 6th 1899

As the result of a very stormy day only ten members were present and no meeting was held. There was an informal talk about a Social meeting being held at the home of Miss Crosby No definite action was taken. (Meeting was at Memorial Hall)

M. M. Neale
Sec'y

Feb. 3 - 1899

Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R met at Memorial Hall at three o'clock. Mrs. H. M. Thompson presided in the absence of the Regent. Preliminary Exercises were omitted. 2 Petitions were presented to the Chapter - also a Circular from The George Washington Memorial Association No. present - 16 - Necessary no to transact business 20 Mrs. Thompson read a letter from the Treasurer of Liberty Tree Chapter also part of an Address delivered by the Governor before the Legislature relating to height of buildings on Beacon Hill Boston -

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Mrs. Charles Griffin read the paper prepared for the meeting of Jan 6th which was the Anniversary of the Wedding of George Washington

Mrs. Cyrus Barton read from Mrs. Burton Harrisons Social Sketches

Both Paper and Reading were very interesting Many regrets that so few were present to enjoy the Entertainment

M. M. Neale
Secy

March 3- 1899

The Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R. met at Memorial Hall at 3 o'clock. Number present during the afternoon 28

The Regent being absent Mrs. H. M. Thompson was in the Chair The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted

The Treasurer reported $120,00 in the treasury

Prof. Knowlton of Chelmsford gave a very interesting lecture on Spanish Missions in California. A vote of thanks was given for the kind interest of this gentleman who had favored the Chapter by his presence and lecture.

The Petition to restrict the height of buildings on Beacon Hill Boston, and protect the neighborhood of the State House and its adjacent grounds was accepted by the Chapter Also the petition to the Senate of the United States for favorable action on the bill to establish a University of the United States which shall be a National University

Mrs. Thompson presented pictures of an old

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house which New Jersey D. A. R. had bought and the notice was given that they would be glad of any relics or articles of historic interest which any D. A. R. would be willing to contribute. Geo. Washington Memorial Assn. was laid on the table.

A few questions about the Convention at Washington were asked by Mrs. Brazer and answered by Mrs. Neale.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Brazer gave her name as nominee for delegate to Convention in Washington in 1900.

All of these reports are respectfully submitted

Maria M. Neale
Secy.

Unfinished business March 3d Communication from George Washington Memorial Association "Laid on the table". The following names have resigned from the Chapter. Mrs. Willard Brown. Mrs. James Smith. Mrs. N. W. Norcross. Mrs. Florence Colby. Mrs. Walter Johnson. Mrs. Gardner King.

March 15-1899

Notwithstanding the storm forty six members of Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R. met at the home of the Regent Mrs. Thomas Kesmith. The meeting was opened by singing America After which the Regent read the Objects of our Society. She next gave a report of the D. A. R Congress in Washington. After the report she gave a brief history of the Molly Varnum Chapter and stated her reasons for presenting her resignation of the position of Regent. Mrs. George F. Richardson and other members moved that the resignation be not accepted and asked that she withdraw the resignation It was the unanimous wish that she remain in the office until the close of the term for which she was elected.

Mrs. Thompson who had been elected to fill the unexpired term of the Regent= gave her resignation of the position - mrs. Kesmith

After considering the matter - She decided to reconsider the resignation - and is still

the Regent of Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R.
Some one offered a vote of thanks for the report which was carried by a rising vote.

A motion for three cheers for Mrs. Nesmith was carried, and the cheers given.

The social half hour with dainty refreshments closed an afternoon of great interest to every member present

March 21st 1899.

A special meeting of the Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R. was held in Memorial Hall at 3.30 P. M. this date.

The singing of America, and the reading of the Constitution were dispensed with.

Before proceeding to business, the Regent expressed her appreciation to the members present at the meeting at her house, for their assured confidence in her, and who against her better judgment, induced her to withdraw her resignation, yielding to their prescient remonstrance. She trusted that during her continuance in office, there would always be a candid expression of opinion from

members on all subjects pertaining to the welfare of the Chapter. The Regent said she was happy to hear people express their dissatisfactions, so corrections or explanations could be made, and it was not wise to keep the board uninformed. The officers were the servants of the Chapter, and had its best interests at heart.

The report of the Board of Management meeting was then read by Mrs Joseph Smith. Rec. Sec. Pro tem. and accepted.

The Regent said that ordinarily, the matters contained in the report would be disposed of by the Board of Management, but the matter referred to therein, were of such a serious nature, that it had been deemed best to bring the whole question before the full Chapter, in order that the Recording Secretary might be treated with absolute fairness, and asked for the expression of the Chapter. It was discussed by many members, pro and con. It was then voted. 1. That the report be returned to the

Board of Government for such final disposition as it saw fit (Motion made by Mrs Williams)
2. That the charges of unfairness made against the committee which received and counted the ballots at the annual meeting were in the opinion of the Chapter without foundation.
3. That the Rec. Secretary's resignation as an officer and member of the Chapter be accepted, and that the incident be quietly and definitely closed.
adjourned.

Attest.

Janet Worthen Smith.
Rec. Secy Pro tem.

Erratum.

A motion made by Mrs Thompson, that any committee appointed hereafter, should report to the Board, and then to the Chapter, was seconded, and carried.

April 19th 1899

The members of Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. observed Patriot's day by holding an interesting meeting at the home of Miss Hildreth on Anne St. after reading the articles of the Constitution and the singing of America, the Regent brought up several matters of business. The making of a site in Chelmsford, where the minute men assembled, on their march to Lexington was discussed, and the expence of a boulder suitably inscribed. Mrs Palmer moved, that the Chapter place a boulder, where the two companies assembled to march to Lexington unanimously voted.

Mrs Palmer asked the Chelmsford ladies to express their preference between a bronze tablet, or a lettered boulder, and thought it should be done in accordance with their wishes, and they signified their preference for a lettered boulder.

Mrs Thompson moved that a Committee of Chelmsford, and Lowell ladies, be appointed, and given the sum of Fifty ($50.00) Dollars

to meet the expenses of the work, and have it done as they deemed best and most appropriate. Mrs Williams offered an amendment that the committee be given full power to act in the matter.

Mrs Palmer then withdrew her motion, and the amended motion of Mrs Thompson reading as follows was put and carried.

"That the committee having the matter of the boulder in charge be given full power in the prosecution of their work." &c. and carried.

Mrs Howard moved that the committee be appointed by the Regent. She would suggest five. three from Chelmsford, and two from Lowell, with power to enlarge. The Regent thought it was best to have a committee appointed to outline the plans. and Mrs Thompson moved that the same committee also arrange the order of exercises for the 17th of June. &c. and carried.

Mrs Williams thought it would be well to have the committee meet and report their plans at the May meeting. &c. and carried.

Mrs Palmer moved that the matter of entertainment

be deferred until the boulder is in progress.
sec. and carried.
The opinion of the Chapter was asked, in regard to the advisability of holding the State Conference which convenes in October in Lowell.
Mrs Williams moved that we do not entertain it. seconded and carried.
At the conclusion of this business a very interesting paper on John Hancock and Dorothy Quincy was read by Miss Mabel Hill.
Mrs Charles Williams sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and Mrs C. D. Palmer read Dr. Holmes' poem Lexington.
An invitation was received from the Sarah Bradley Fulton Chapter of Medford, to visit the historical Royal house in that town.
A communication was received from the State Regent Miss Sara Daggett, inviting the Regent, Vice regent and three delegates from the Chapter to attend a musical tea and reception at her residence Commonwealth Ave. Boston. April 28th from three to six. and the following members were chosen. Mrs Charles Williams Mrs George F. Richardson and Mrs Joseph Smith.

Refreshments were served. bringing to a close a very enjoyable meeting.

Jane Northen Smith.
Rec. Scy.

May 5th 1899.

The Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R. met at the residence of Mrs Solon H. Stevens. After reading the articles of the Constitution and the singing of America. The Regent reported that the town of Chelmsford would mark the boulder from its present location to the chosen site. The following four committees were appointed.

Music. Mrs Charles Williams
Refreshments. Mrs Dr. Howard.
Invitations. Mrs Henry M. Thompson.
Miss Cosby chairman for the Regent.
Boulder. Mrs Warren. Mr. & Mrs Marshall. Miss Earle.
Programme. Mrs C. E. A. Bartlett.

Upon motion of Mrs Williams Sixty ($60.00) was appropriated for the occasion.

Mrs Howard moved that we accept the work of the Committee. sec. and carried.

The following programme was given.
Violin solo. Miss Williams accompanied by
Miss Ethel Livingston.
Paper on Nantucket at the time of the Revolution
by Mrs S. W. Stevens.
Violin solo. Miss Williams.
Reading by Mrs Upton "Hannah the Quakeress"
Talk entitled "My trip to Cuba" by Miss Ward.
At the suggestion of Mrs Thompson a vote of
thanks was given Misses Ward and Williams
for their kind assistance. Refreshments were then
served. The scheme of decoration observed on the table
was the national colors; the red white and blue design
was handsome and favorably commented upon.

Jan A Nathan Smith.
Rec. Secy.

June second 1899.

The following resolutions were sent to the
family of the late Miss Hannah A. Kohlhausch.

The members of the Molly Varnum Chapter
D. A. R. have heard with deep regret of the

removal by death of one of their members
Miss Hannah A. Kohlrausch.
It is therefore resolved:
That the members of the Chapter feel that we have met with a personal loss, and that we desire to express our heartfelt sympathy for her family in their affliction.
That this expression of regard for her be spread upon our records, and a copy be sent to her family.

Janet Nathen Smith. Rec. Secy.

June 17th 1899.

The Molly Varnum Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution of Lowell, Mass. Mrs Thomas Nesmith, Regent, celebrated the 17th of June by dedicating a memorial to Revolutionary heroes in the town of Chelmsford Mass. Saturday afternoon. The occasion was the dedicating of a boulder which had been placed in the square and was thus inscribed. "Here, on the 19th of April 1775, the minute guns summoned the men of Chelmsford to the Concord fight. Erected by the Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R. A. D. 1899". The exercises began at

three o'clock, and were held in the square a short distance from the boulder. Upon the platform were the Regent the beautiful wife of our honored Governor Wolcott, and the charming Mrs Donald McLean, Regent of the New York City Chapter D.A.R. whose very presence is always an inspiration. Gen. Francis H. Appleton, President of the Sons of the American Revolution, Mass. and Dr. M. Greeley Parker, President of the Old Middlesex Chapter S.A.R. of Lowell. After a bugle call, the Rev. Granville Pierce of Chelmsford, offered prayer, and Mr. H. S. Perham, the town historian made the introductory address which was full of interesting incidents. He read from William Fletcher's original manuscript an account of the battle of Bunker Hill as he saw it, and pointed out many places where the Chelmsford men were when the minute gun summoned them to their cord. The address were interspersed by singing of patriotic songs by a most excellent male quartette; two cornet duetts which were well received, and the reading of James Whitcomb Riley's "Old Glory" by Mrs E. A. Huntley in a most acceptable manner. The admirable address of Gen. Appleton was listened to with great interest. Mrs McLean closed her

short but eloquent address by saying "The Molly Varnum Chapter, by placing this memorial, had done the work for the Daughters of the American Revolution throughout the country." The boulder, which had been draped with the national flag, and garlanded with laurel wreaths was then unveiled by a little wreath-crowned girl, Miss Elizabeth Fiske Warren, a lineal descendant of one of the Chelmsford heroes. all the people standing meanwhile. The Grand Army Man called for cheers for the men of the American Revolution which were heartily given. Mr F. A. Wood of Buffalo New York represented the descendants of Capt. John Fox of Chelmsford and delivered a most interesting address. All joined in singing America and the exercises closed by taps being sounded by Trooper Ball of the Chelmsford Cavalry. After the exercises the guests of Molly Varnum Chapter were entertained in the Town hall, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion by the nine Chelmsford chapter members. The famous old Fiske house, facing the newly dedicated monument was thrown open to the visitors, who enjoyed the wealth of Colonial and Revolutionary relics with which the mansion is enriched.

Janet Worthen Smith. Rec. Secy.

Sept. 5th 1899

The Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R. held its first Autumn meeting in Memorial Hall at three o'clock. After the usual opening exercises came the election of delegates to the State convention at Bingham the 5th of October. A very interesting paper on "Brave Women of American History" was read by Mrs Jacob Smith, embellished by a very delightful talk on certain heroic women of the American Revolution, by Mrs Crawford Burnham. Mrs Burnham's address was without exaggeration, one of the most instructive, and at the same time charming informal address, that the Chapter has been favored with since its organization. The occasion was brought to a close by a reading by Miss Abby F. Crosby of Chelmsford. The following is the list of delegates to the State Convention.

Miss Anna F. Andrews.
Mrs Crawford Burnham.
Miss Abby F. Davis (present)
Miss Abby F. Crosby (present)
Mrs M. Blanche Fanning (present)
Mrs Wm H. Howard (present)
Mrs The Regent (present)
Mrs George F. Hills (present)
Mrs H. K. McDaniel (present)
Mrs Ella H. Stevens (present)
Mrs Jacob Smith (present)
Mrs H. M. Thompson (present)
Mrs Daniel H. Varnum

It was deemed best to defer the nomination of delegates for the National Congress in Washington until the November meeting.
The alternates for the State Convention are.

Mrs. C. E. Adams (present)
Mrs. J. H. Anderson.
Mrs Wm. P. Brazee (present)
Mrs C. E. A. Bartlett.
Mrs G. C. Brock.
Mrs. H. A. Dickinson.
Mrs Charles Fowler (present)
Miss Ella F. Kilbourn (present)
Mrs S. A. Fairbank
Mrs A. G. Pollard (present)
Mrs C. D. Palmer.
Miss N. E. Robbins.
Mrs Geo. F. Richardson (present)
Mrs Geo. L. Richardson.
Mrs S. H. Skerne (present)
Miss Florence Young (present)

It was moved by Miss Kerr and seconded by Mrs Conrad. That the Secretary cast one vote for the delegates. carried.

Janet Nathen Smith Rec Secy

October 9th 1899

The Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. met at the residence of Mrs W.K.M. Doyucle.
After the reading of Article II of the Constitution by the Regent, one verse of America was sung. The Secy then read the Roll-Call fifty-three members being present. A comical humorous and interesting account of the State Conference at Kingham, was given by Miss Ella H. Stevens, Miss Marion J Brazier of Boston. Regent of the Paul Jones Chapter; read an entertaining and instructive paper on John Paul Jones. The heroic Virginia Naval hero; who with his own hands in the Colonial market Alfred, hoisted the first American flag ever displayed. The device it bore is believed to have been a rattlesnake coiled at its root. Another great event in the life of Paul Jones was his obtaining and receiving for our Stars-&-Stripes banner the first salute granted to it in Europe. He served in the American navy then returned to France, where he died in comparative poverty, at the age of forty-five years. A sad ending for one who did so much for American Independence. Miss Brazier brought

with her facsimiles of the various flags. also pictures pertaining to her subject, and a personal letter from Admiral Dewey. expressing his interest in the distinguished man for whom the Chapter was named, and accompanying it with three pieces of the Olympia's flag. A unanimous vote of thanks was extended Miss Bragin for the pleasure she had given the Chapter.

The Regent appointed Mrs Geo. F. Richardson. Chairman — with Mrs E. S. Covell. and Miss Helen W. Wright as nominating Committee for the November election.

A letter was read from Miss Julia Ten Eyck Mc Laie. Librarian General of the National Society. asking assistance in procuring a copy of the History Sundtable.

The Regent alluded to the resignation of the State Regent. and asked the Chapter if they desired to take any action in regard to it; They voted unanimously that the Recording Secretary convey to Miss Daggett their regret at her resignation and desire for her to remain. Refreshments were then served. the national colors being much in evidence on the very attractive table. and a most delightful meeting was thus brought to a close.

Janet Northen Smith. Rec. Sec.

Miss Sarah H. Daggett.
State Regent D.A.R. of Mass.

My Dear Miss Daggett.

I am directed by a unanimous vote of the Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. of this city, to express to you its deep regret, at the announcement of your contemplated resignation, of the office of State Regent of Mass. It is sincerely hoped, that you may reconsider your action, and continue to serve the Society with that same tact, ability, and fidelity, which have marked your incumbency of the Regent's office, and commended you to the members of this Chapter.

Very Respectfully
Janet Nathan Smith
Recording Secretary.

Lowell. Mass.
October the nineteenth.

Evatum. The Regent announced that unless some objection was offered. The Annual meeting would be held Nov 3rd instead of Nov. 1st. There was no objection.

J.N.S Rec Sec'y

October 20th 1897

Mrs Joseph Smith,
Recording Secretary, Molly Varnum Chaktea.

My Dear Mrs Smith,

Miss Daggett begs me to present to the Molly Varnum Chaktea, her most cordial thanks, for their very kind expression of regret at her resignation.

Such kind thoughts as these but cement the feeling of loyal friendship, and make the retirement from office a difficult step.

Yours Most Sincerely,

Mary A. Livermore.

Secretary.

116 Commonwealth Ave.

Boston. Mass.

Nov. 3rd 1899.

The legality of the Annual meeting of the Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. appointed at Memorial Hall, Friday afternoon, Nov. 3rd at 2.30 o'clock, being called in question, no business was transacted and the fifty members present dispersed.

Janet Worthen Smith
Rec Secy.

Nov. 24th 1899.

The Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. met at Memorial Hall at three o'clock on the afternoon of the above date, The Regent Mrs. Thompson presiding. The Regent stated that if no objections were made Article II of the Constitution would be omitted. after singing one verse of America, the Secretary read the roll-call, showing 31 members present. The Regent asked as a question of privilege, permission to delay the business of the meeting for a few moments. No objections being made she said: As you are all doubtless aware I was too ill to attend either the Chapter meeting, or the Board

meeting called for Nov. 3rd. The former (viz. the Chapter meeting) has passed into history. Fifty members of this Chapter allowed their election to take, and the discussion of the legality or illegality of the meeting has now no effect on the affairs of this Chapter. Neither you nor I can open this subject, much as I myself would like to do it. Of the fixed intention of your former Regent to refuse to fill the office longer I was well aware. but that she would be forced to prevent her resignation to the Board was a great surprise to me for I never for one moment questioned the right of the Chapter to hold an election that afternoon. when her intentions would have naturally come before the Chapter. For several days after this meeting I was too ill to consider the matter. When I finally faced the to me extremely trying situation my first thought was for the legality of my position, as I did not wish to go on record either as accepting or rejecting a position not legally mine to hold. Having satisfied myself on this point, I next tried to devise some way of securing another election of officers by the Chapter.

After obtaining the best legal advice possible & with advice and assistance from Washington I found that this could probably be accomplished by a new set of By-Laws which for other reasons besides needed immediate attention. This matter together with the nomination of Delegates which called for a November meeting made me decide to accept the position of Regent temporarily, until matters could be arranged for an election of Officers by the Chapter. My resignation would simply send the matter back to the Board of Management while my object is to give it to the Chapter. Although no one appreciates the honor of this position more than myself, no honor is great enough to be purchased at the price of my self-respect. and I cannot allow my friends to place me, or my opponents to force me into a position which gives any person either inside or outside this Chapter the slightest justification for questioning the sincerity & straightforwardness of my motives and methods or those of my friends

Having defined my position we will now proceed to the business of the day.

The Secretary then read the records of the last regular Chapter meeting of Oct. 16th which were approved. additional records of Nov. 3rd were also approved. The Chapter was then asked if they wished to hear the whole correspondence in relation to the State Regent's resignation. It was voted to hear only the letter of withdrawal which was then read. The next business in order being the nomination of Delegates and Alternates to the Continental Congress, that matter was brought up for action. Mrs Williams and Mrs Palmer asked for a statement from the chair as to the By-Laws of the Chapter. The chair ruled their questions out of order as not relating to the business before the Chapter. Mrs Palmer appealed from the decision of the chair, but on putting it to vote, the ruling of the chair was sustained. Mrs Palmer then moved that action on the nomination of delegates be suspended for ten minutes, while the matter of By-Laws was discussed; this was carried and the chair then made the following

statements in relation to the By-Laws.

That after a thorough study of the subject, and having received instructions from Washington, and the best legal advice. She felt authorized in making the following statements. We have at this time no Constitution or By-Laws excepting those known as the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society of the D.A.R. It would seem advisable that the Chapter take immediate action in regard to this matter; a discussion followed, the ten minutes having elapsed, the business of the nomination of delegates was again resumed.

The following names were read by the Secretary, being the list of candidates received up to the present time.

Mrs Wm P. Bragg. Mrs E. S. Bailey
Mrs Wm H. Howard. Mrs J. C. Irish.
Mrs Geo. F. Richardson. Mrs Thomas Nysmith.

Mrs Nysmith then moved that the election of delegates and alternates be postponed until the Dec. meeting. and the list of nominations be kept open until that time

carried

The chair then put the following question. "Will the Chapter hear the report of the Officers for last year." Mrs Aremith moved that we do not hear them. sec. and carried. The subject of the By-Laws being next in order, Mrs Geo. F. Richardson moved that a Committee be appointed, consisting of Mrs Thomas Aremith, Mrs G. B. Brock and Mrs Charles H. Williams to draw up a set of By-Laws and present them to the Chapter for consideration. sec. and carried. Mrs Williams declined to accept the office, and a long discussion followed, involving many points concerning the business of the Chapter transacted by them since action of the Congress of 1899 on the Constitution and By-Laws of Chapters. One point in question being the resignation of the former Regent. the Chair ruled, that the resignation was presented in a perfectly proper manner, and Mrs Williams appealed from the decision of the Chair; it was put to vote, and the Chapter sustained the ruling of the Chair. Then the Chair called for

nominations to fill the vacancy on the committee on By-Laws. Miss Robbins nominated Mrs Williams, who after some hesitation finally accepted the position.

Mrs Palmer moved that it be suggested to the Committee to consider the advisability of providing for an emergency in case of a lapse for any reason of the annual election of Officers. sec. and carried.

The Regent said if any member had any suggestions to make concerning the new By-Laws, the Committee would gladly receive them, and give them careful consideration. Mrs Palmer moved that at the request of the Committee on By-Laws the present Presiding Officer should call a meeting to report concerning the By-Laws sec. and carried.

Miss Robbins moved that the 19th of Dec. be a purely social meeting. Mrs Palmer amended, by substituting the following: that we have a purely social meeting the 19th of Dec. sec. and carried.

The substitute being accepted, the amended motion was then put to vote and carried the form of entertainment to be left in charge of the Board of Management for Dec. 19th.

Mrs Palmer asked if the action of the Regent in bringing the change of date of the Annual Meeting before the Chapter, and no objections being made, did not legalize the meeting. The Chair stated that as far as she could ascertain it did.

Mrs Palmer moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Janet Worthen Smith. Rec. Sec'y.

Dec. 8th. 1899

The Molly Cannum Chapter D. A. R. met at Memorial Hall at 3 o'clock. 30 members being present. The Regent said if there were no objections, Article II of the Constitution and the singing of America would be omitted. The Secretary then called the roll, and read the report of the last Chapter meeting which was approved. The Treasurer reported that the sum of $175.00 was in the Treasury. The Regent then called for the report of the Committee on By-Laws which was read by the

Chairman, Mrs Nesmith. Mrs Palmer moved that the Chapter take up the consideration of the By-Laws, Article by Article, and vote upon each separately. seconded and carried. Mrs Nesmith then read each separately.

By-Laws.
of the
Molly Varnum Chapter
Daughters of the American Revolution
Organized 1894 Adopted 1899

Article I Name.

The name of this branch of the National Society shall be "The Molly Varnum" Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Article II Objects.

The objects shall be the same as those of the National Society.

Article III Officers.

Section I. The Officers of this Chapter, shall be a Regent, a Vice Regent, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, an Historian, and a Board of Management consisting of the above named Officers, and four

additional members.

Section II. Three Officers shall be elected annually by ballot, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Section III. No elected officer shall be eligible to the same office, for more than two consecutive years, except the Regent, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, who may hold office for three terms consecutively.

Article IV. Election of Members.

Section I. After a Board of Management shall have been elected, it shall consider all applications for membership. If the eligibility of the applicants is established, a ballot shall be taken upon their acceptance. If no more than the negative vote is cast, their applications shall receive the endorsement of the Regent, Recording Secretary, and Registrar, and be forwarded to the National Board of Management for final action. The members of the Board shall not disclose to one another, or to the members of the Chapter, the nature of their

ballot.

Section II. The Chapter may elect one Honorary member annually.

Article V. Fees and Dues.

The initiation fee shall be one dollar. The Annual dues shall be Two Dollars. These shall be paid to the Treasurer at the beginning of the Chapter year. A member who shall remain in arrears for dues for three months, after notice of her indebtedness has been sent her, may be dropped from the rolls by the National Board of Management; but no one shall be dropped, until after two notices of arrears shall have been sent her.

Article VI. Meetings.

Section I. The regular meetings other than the Annual, shall be held on the 19th of April, the 17th of June, and the 19th of October, unless otherwise appointed by the Board of Management.

Section II. At a meeting held at least two months before the Annual Meeting, two Committees shall be appointed, one by the Regent, and one by

the Chapter, to nominate candidates for office for the ensuing year. Each of these two Committees, shall report to the Chapter, at a meeting to be held at least two weeks previous to the Annual election.
All nominations from the floor shall be made at the meeting previous to the Annual Meeting. All names of candidates duly nominated at this meeting, shall be printed upon the ballots to be used at the Annual election.
Section III There shall be an Annual business meeting for the election of Officers, the election of Delegates and Alternates to the Continental Congress, to hear the reports of Officers, and to transact such other business as may legally come before them. The Annual Meeting for the year 1899-1900 shall be held on a date to be appointed by the Board of Management as soon as possible after the approval of these By-Laws by the National Committee on Chapter By-Laws, and thereafter the Annual meeting shall be held on the first Friday of December of each year

Amendment Article VI. Sec. 3. Thereafter the Annual Meeting shall be held on the first Friday in April (instead of December) Offered by Mrs Remith in accordance with the following vote passed by the Massachusetts Regents D.A.R.: "That the recommendation of the State Regent for uniform election of Chapter Officers be adopted, and the date of election be in April."

Section IV. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Board of Management or upon the written request of eleven members of the Chapter. Whenever possible, notice of a special meeting shall be issued five days before such meetings are to be held.

Article VIII Duties of Officers.

Section I. The Regent.

The duties of the Regent shall be to open the meetings of the Chapter, and preside over its deliberations to see that the By-Laws are enforced; to exercise a watchful care over the interests of the Chapter.

The Regent shall appoint all Committees except as provided in Section II of Article VI. She shall be ex officio a member of all Committees, except the Committee on Nominations.

Section II. The Vice Regent.

The Vice Regent shall in case of absence, or disability of the Regent, assume her position and prerogative. In the absence of the Regent, and Vice Regent, a Chairman pro tempore shall preside.

Section III. The Recording Secretary.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a fair and accurate record of all the proceedings of the Chapter and Board of Management; have charge of the Charter and Records, and together with the Regent, shall certify all acts of the Chapter. She shall by direction of the Regent give due notice of time and place of meetings of the Board; give notice to the several Officers and Committees of all votes, resolutions, orders and proceedings of the Chapter affecting them or appertaining to their respective offices, and perform such other duties

as may be assigned her.

Section IV The Corresponding Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the Chapter; except that for which provision may be made in the duties of other Officers, or Committees. She shall by direction of the Regent give due notice of time and place of all meetings of the Chapter. She shall retain an exact copy of all letters written and keep on file for reference, all letters and communications received by her. She shall notify members of their election to the Chapter and perform such other duties as the Board of Management may direct.

Section V. The Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall collect and receive all dues of the Chapter; She shall deposit the same to the credit of the Molly Varnum Chapter in such banking institution, or trust company, as the Board of Management may direct. She money shall be drawn by

the check of the Treasurer for the purposes of the Chapter only; and to pay such sums as may be ordered by the Board of Management; said orders to be countersigned by the Regent and Recording Secretary. She shall keep a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and at each Annual meeting shall render a full account of the same to the Chapter; such accounts having been previously audited by an Auditor appointed for the purpose.

Section VI The Registrar.

The Registrar shall keep a register in which the name of each member shall be entered with the date of her election, her National number, her Chapter number, the names of the ancestors from whom her eligibility is derived, and her address.

She shall verify all statements of the Revolutionary services of Ancestors that shall be made in the applications for membership, and report to the Board of Management.

She shall have the care and custody of all

applications for membership; all historical and genealogical papers and manuscripts which the Chapter may have become possessed, and shall keep copies of all such documents, as the owners thereof may not be willing to leave permanently in the keeping of the Chapter.

Section VII The Historian.

The Historian shall keep a record of all the historical and commemorative meetings of the Chapter, and shall prepare for official publication historical and biographical sketches of deceased members. She shall keep an account of all important papers, essays, or addresses delivered before the Chapter, and prepare for the press such as may be desired for publication, and such other historical papers as the Chapter demands. She shall also prepare an Annual report of the Chapter work of the year, which shall be submitted to the Board, and if approved by them, shall be accepted as the report of the Chapter to the Continental Congress.

Section VIII. The Board of Management.

The Board of Management shall judge of the qualifications of applicants for admission, and elect the same. They shall recommend plans for promoting the objects of the Society, dispose and prepare business, authorize the expenditure, and the disbursement of unappropriated money in the treasury for the current expenses of the Chapter. They shall have the power to act upon resignations, and to fill vacancies in office, except in the case of the death or resignation of the Regent, when the office, duties, and title shall devolve upon the Vice-Regent.

The Board shall exercise a supervisory care over the affairs of the Chapter.

At the meetings of the Board, five members shall constitute a quorum.

Article VIII Amendments.

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Chapter by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting — provided notice of such amendments shall have been sent to each member with the call of the meeting.

Article IX. Suspension of By-Laws

Three By-Laws may be suspended at any one meeting, by unanimous vote of those present at that meeting

Article X. Quorum

The quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall be fifteen.

Article XI

The deliberations of members at all meetings of the Chapter shall be governed by "Roberts Rules of Order."

Committee on By-Laws: Florence Hildyth Nesmith, (Chairman)
Francena Rowe Brock
Jacksine A. Williams

Copy.

Janet Worthen Smith.
Recording Secretary.

Article I. Name

Motion made to accept as it stood. voted upon sec. and carried.

Article II. Objects.

Motion made to accept as it stood. voted upon sec. and carried.

Article III. Officers.

Section 1 carried. — Section 2 carried.

Section 3. as amended by Mrs Whittier, moved to strike out the word any, and substitute the words "the same", so that it shall read, no Officer shall be eligible to the same office for more than two consecutive years except the Regent. the motion was made, seconded and carried. voted upon

Article IV. Election of members. Sec. 1. motion made to accept as it stood. Sec. 2 was amended by substituting the word two for one, so as to read, The Chapter may elect one honorary member annually. motion was made seconded and carried

Article V. Fees and Dues.

Motion made to accept as it stood. seconded. voted upon and carried.

Article VI. Meetings.

Section 1. Motion made to accept as it stood. seconded, voted upon and carried.

Section 2. Mrs Palmer moved to amend, by

striking out the word one month and substituting the words two weeks, seconded, voted upon and carried. Miss Webster offered the following substitute amendment; that these two committees shall meet and together prepare a list for each Officer, seconded by Miss Whittier voted upon & lost. Mrs Conrad offered the following substitute amendment, that a nominating committee be appointed. one member by the Regent, one by the Chapter, and the other by the two together and to bring forward a list of Officers, two for each Office. seconded, voted upon, and lost. Miss Webster then moved the following substitute amendment; that a nominating committee of five members be appointed by the Regent, this committee to have full power as to the number of names offered as candidates for each office. seconded, voted upon and lost. Mrs Conrad then offered a substitute amendment; that a month before the annual meeting, each Chapter member shall send in a list of officers for a committee of three appointed by the

Regent to decide upon. seconded, voted upon and lost. The question now came on the original section as amended by Mrs Palmer, so that it read "two weeks previous to the annual election". this was seconded, voted upon and announced as carried by the Chair; the vote was doubted, and a riking vote was called for with the following result 16 to 4 in favor of the Section

Section 3. Miss Whittier moved to amend, by striking out the words the 18th of December and inserting the following, some date to be decided upon by the Board of Management, as soon as possible after the approval of these By-Laws. this was seconded, voted upon and carried. the Section then read as follows. Art. VI. Sec. 3. The Annual Meeting for the year 1899-1900 shall be held on a date to be appointed by the Board of Management as soon as possible after the approval of these By-Laws by the National Committee on Chapter By-Laws this election to be governed by rules adopted by the Chapter for that meeting and thereafter the

Annual Meeting shall be held on the first Friday of December. Voted upon, accepted, and carried. An omission in the above section being noted by Mrs Williams, the chair ruled that the Committee could be instructed to correct it; and Mrs Palmer moved that the Committee on By-Laws be instructed to insert the purpose of the Annual Meeting. This was seconded, voted upon and carried.

Section 5. moved to be accepted. seconded voted upon and carried.

Article VII. Duties of Officers.

Sec. 1. Moved to be accepted, seconded, voted upon and carried.

Sec. 2. do.

Sec. 3. "

Sec. 4 "

Sec. 5 "

Sec. 6. "

Sec. 7 "

Sec. 8. Board of Management.

Mrs Palmer moved to strike out every thing in relation to the resignation of the Regent, and insert

the following. In case of death or resignation of the Regent within the first six months of the year, an election shall be held by the Chapter to fill the vacancy, but if it occurs within the last six months, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Management seconded, voted upon and lost.

After some discussion on the duties of the Vice Regent, Mrs Palmer offered the following amendment, to strike out all in relation to the resignation of the Regent, and to insert the following after the word office. "except in case of the death or resignation of the Regent, which duties, office and title shall devolve upon the Vice Regent. seconded, voted upon and carried. the Section as amended read as follows. Article VII. Sec. 8.

They shall have the power to act upon resignations and to fill vacancies in office, except in the case of the death or resignation of the Regent, when the office, duties and title shall devolve upon the Vice-Regent.

This was moved to be accepted. seconded, voted upon and carried.

Article VIII Amendments.
Moved to be accepted. seconded, voted upon and carried.

Article IX. Suspension of By-Laws.
Moved to be accepted, seconded, voted upon and carried.

Article X. Quorum.
Moved to be accepted. seconded, voted upon and carried.

Article XI.
Moved to be accepted. seconded, voted upon and carried.

Mrs Palmer moved that these By-Laws as amended be accepted as a whole seconded, voted upon and carried.
Miss Whittier moved that a vote of thanks be extended to the Committee on By-Laws. seconded, and carried by an unanimous vote.
Mrs Palmer moved that the Chapter meeting on Dec. 19th be postponed until some date in January. seconded and carried.
Mrs Palmer moved that the Delegates and Alternates to the Continental Congress, be elected

the same time as the Officers. sec. and carried.
Mrs Williams moved that a nominating committee be appointed by the Regent to select candidates for office to be voted upon at the next election.
sec. and carried.
Mrs Conrad moved to adjourn.

Janet Nathan Smith.
Recording Secretary.

1900

January 12th 1900

The Molly Stanton Chapter D. A. R. held its Annual Meeting, on the afternoon of the above date at Memorial Hall at half past two o'clock. After calling the meeting to order, it was moved and seconded that owing to the amount of business to be transacted, the reading of Article II of the Constitution and the Pledging of America be dispensed with. The Secretary then called the roll, showing 46 members present. She was then asked to take the Chair while the Regent gave the decision of the State Regent, and that of

and Mrs Reade move to accept her authority which was seconded and carried.

Mrs Howard of Washington in regard to the election. The reports of Officers having been read at the previous Chapter meeting, only the Registrar's was read showing 152 members belonging to the Chapter at the present date. The report of the last meeting was read and approved. Mrs Geo. F. Richardson Chairman of the nominating committee read the list of Officers offered for election for the year 1900. The Regent announced the following as Tellers, Mrs J. C. Mings. Miss M. Blanche Fanning, and Miss Nason of Chelmsford. Miss Webster moved that the Chapter be allowed to express their preference for the Alternate and Delegate, by numbering them 1. 2. 3 & 4. This was seconded, voted upon and carried. The Tellers then took their position at the ballot box, in which the members deposited their votes, as their names were called by the Secretary. The result of the votes was as follows.

Officers for the year 1900.

Regent.

Mrs Henry M. Thompson — 46 votes.

Vice Regent.

Mrs E. N. Burke — 42 votes.

Treasurer.

Mrs George L. Richardson. — 46 votes.

Recording Secretary.

Mrs Joseph Smith. — 46 votes.

Corresponding Secretary.

Miss Ella H. Merrill. — 46 votes.

Registrar.

Miss Lina J. Kimball. — 46 votes.

Historian.

Mrs C. E. A. Bartlett. (Chelmsford) — 46 votes.

Managers.

Miss M. Eda Kerr. — 46 votes.
Miss M. Blanche Farrington. — 46 votes.
Mrs Wm H. Horrax. — 46 votes.
Mrs Henry Wade. — 43 votes.

For Delegate and Alternates to Continental Congress.

Mrs Thomas Nesmith Delegate. — 26 votes.

The Alternates receiving the following votes which are given in their numerical order.

Mrs Geo. Richardson.	Regents Alternate.	44 votes
Mrs N. K. Norrell.	Alternate	43 votes
2. Mrs J. L. Pugh.	"	42 "
3. Mrs E. S. Bailey.	"	40 "
4. Mrs Mc P. Brager.		36 "

It was moved by Mrs Brock that the amendment to the Chapter By-Laws Article VI. Sec. 3 be accepted viz. Thereafter the Annual meeting shall be held on the first Friday in April (instead of December) this was seconded, voted upon and carried. Mrs S. N. Sterne proposed that Mrs Grace Le Baron Locke Upham be elected honorary member of the M. V. Chapter Mrs Mary Reade moved that she be elected which was seconded and carried.

Mrs Crosby moved a vote of thanks be given to the retiring Regent. which was unanimous.

It was voted to hold a meeting the 22nd of Feb.

Moved to adjourn.

Janet Northen Smith.
Rec. Secy.

Jan. 16th 1900

Mrs Henry M. Thompson, the newly elected Regent of the Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R. gave a reception to the 152 members of the Chapter this afternoon from 3.30 to 5.30 at her residence 228 Pawtucket St. Miss Sara W. Daggett of Boston, State Regent of the Massachusetts Daughters of the American Revolution, was the chief guest of honor, and assisted Mrs Thompson in receiving, as did the Officers of the Chapter. In the dining room, light refreshments were served, from a daintily appointed table, by the young ladies of the Chapter, and Mrs F. E. Bailey, Mrs E. F. Burke, Mrs W. A. Dickinson and Mrs W. H. H. Daniels poured. There was a very large number present. Miss Daggett made a brief and interesting address, to which the Regent fittingly responded. It was a delightful occasion, and much enjoyed by those present.

Feb. 7th 1900

The following resolutions were sent to the family of the late Miss Lucy E. Smith.

The members of the Molly Tannum Chapter D.A.R. have heard with deep regret of the removal by death of one of their members.

Miss Lucy E. Smith.

It is therefore resolved:—

That the members of the Chapter feel that we have met with a personal loss and that we desire to express our heartfelt sympathy for her family in their affliction.

That this expression of regard for her be spread upon our records, and a copy be sent to her family.

Janet Nothen Smith
Recording Secretary.

Feb. 25: 1900

The following resolutions were sent to the family of the late Miss Mary Louise Tannum.

The members of the Molly Tannum Chapter D.A.R. have heard with deep regret of the removal by death of one of their members.

Miss Mary Louise Tannum.

It is therefore resolved;—

That the members of the Chapter feel that we

have met with a personal loss; and that we desire to express our heartfelt sympathy for her family in their affliction.

That this expression of regard for her, be shrined upon our records, and a copy be sent to her family.

Janet Worthen Smith
Recording Secretary

Feb. 22nd. 1900

The Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. celebrated Washington's birthday in the afternoon at Memorial Hall. Despite the severe rain storm about fifty members and friends were present.

Miss Stevens, Mrs Geo. L. Richardson and Mrs Joseph Smith were the Committee who had it in charge, and in the absence of the Regent, especial efforts were made to fittingly observe the day. On the rear of the platform, the national colors hung on the wall with a portrait of Washington in the centre, garlanded with laurel. The piano was draped with the flag and a palm, and red white and blue bouquet was on the speaker's desk. The approach to the stairway which hangs the life size portrait of Washington was stacked with flags. and two High School cadets

in uniform guarded the entrance to the hall.
The Vice Regent Mrs E. N. Burke presided.
One verse of America was sung in opening; the accompanist Mrs Joseph Smith, being ably assisted by Miss Susan E. Sleight of Newburyport, and Mr W. A. Dickinson, with violin, and cornet.
Article II of the Constitution was then read by Mrs Burke, and Mrs Henry Reade spoke of another Memorial Hall, in which Washington wrote his farewell address to his soldiers.
Mrs Charles T. Upton gave a reading.
Nathan Hale "The Martyr Spy"; followed by an account of how the first American flag was made, by little Miss Ruth Upton. Both of which were enthusiastically received.
The excellent violin playing of Miss Sleight contributed much to the entertainment, and her three selections gave great pleasure.
Mr Samuel Knight of Amesbury, gave a fine address on Romance in Colonial Times" which was listened to with great interest. A unique feature of the varied programme, was a flag-drill given by eight uniformed young misses, ex-officio of the L.H.S

Battalion, commanded by Major Edith S. Richardson Capt. Marguerite Elvin played the piano for the drill to perfection; her precision, and why there were faultless, and was of great assistance to the girls, who delighted the audience with a series of pretty and graceful figures.

At the close, when the audience standing sung "The Star Spangled Banner", three young ladies arranged themselves in a line at the foot of the hall and waved their flags in the chorus with excellent effect.

Jan A Worthen Smith.
Recording Secretary.

March 9th 1900

The Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. met at Memorial Hall at 2.30 P.M. By a vote of the members, the singing of America, reading of Art. II of the Constitution, and the roll-call were omitted. It being wholly a business meeting. The Recording Secretary read the records of the last meeting, which were approved. The Regent moved a special vote of thanks, be given Miss Lunt of Newburyport, for her gratuitous service as violinist Feb. 22d, and to the

young ladies, who took part in the flag drill which was recorded and carried. The Corresponding Secretary read Mrs Upham's letter of acceptance as honorary member of the Chapter; and one from the librarian of the national society in Washington expressing great pleasure, much deprived of the history of Dudleytown so kindly contributed by Miss Sheldon to whom the Chapter voted to extend their thanks. Mrs Kate Rayner gave an interesting report of the Continental Congress from the visiting Daughter's point of view; and the Regent's report, related entirely to the business of the Congress, and was bright and entertaining. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Miss Keyes, Chairman of the committee, appointed by the Board, to bring in suggestions regarding patriotic work in the schools, her report was read by the Recording Secretary. Four suggestions were made. 1st with regard to school flags. The city furnishes each school with a flag, but few have a flag-staff the extra expense being considered too great. 2. The placing of patriotic pictures upon the

walls of the school rooms and an effort be made to interest the children to aid in this work. 3rd The evils of the free text book system; aside from the sanitary question it is an advantage, to preserve the books for reference in after years, often forming the only home library, but if the pupils is unable to purchase the books, they could be supplied by the city. 4th That patriotism might be increased, by offering prizes for essays on historical subjects. It was moved by Mrs Harry Reade We accept the report without recommendations, etc. and carried.

The chairman of the committee on the Work of the Society, Mrs Charles Griffin, was detained by illness and the Regent read her report.

The plan of the work was in five divisions.

Philanthropic.	Mrs Hooper.
Social.	Mrs Wheeler.
Educational.	Miss Farnham.
Historical	Miss Grace Wood.
Publication of Records.	Miss Kilduth.

The endeavor of this committee is to ascertain by

research, and correspondance, the practical results of the work of the Society.
Miss Stevens moved to accept the report. carried rec'd
Mrs Harry Reade gave a report concerning the year book. Miss Crosby moved it be accepted, and decision made later by the committee, rec. and carried. Mrs Barton moved that $25.00 be appropriated towards it but owing to the small amount in the treasury, it was voted upon and lost. and $17.00 stipulated as the maximum sum of expenditure.
The Chapter voted to entertain the Massachusetts D.A.R's in the fall, the motion being made by Mrs Fay. Mrs Harry Reade moved that further details, be carried out at the discretion of the Regent. rec. and carried. The payment of dues then came up. Miss Farrington moved that the dues be paid in April, it being a more business like way. The Treasurer moved the limit for the payment of dues, be the 1st of July seconded by Mrs Gremith. voted upon and carried. The Regent moved that a folder be sent to each member of the Chapter

explaining about the payment of dues. seconded vote also was carried. The 19th of April meeting was left to the Board of Management. with power to make it a movable date if the Regent thought best to change it. Mrs Redde then moved to adjourn.

Janet Worthen Smith. Rec. Secy.

April 19th 1905

Patriot's day was observed by the Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. by holding a meeting at the residence of Mrs Miles Whittier 26 Talbot St. After the usual opening exercises, the records of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Regent stated, that the report from the committee on the work of the society, would be deferred until the first fall meeting; she then spoke of patriotic work in the public schools and Mrs Upton moved that $5.00 be taken from the Treasury to purchase a picture for some school, in which some of our members are teaching. This was seconded and carried. Mrs Joseph Smith promised a picture. and an appeal was made to all for assistance in this good work. Miss Dina Lee Varnum gave many

interesting facts about Dracut men in the revolution in connection with the memorial to the Dracut free library. The town has appointed a board of trustees, and money is hoped to be obtained by a house canvas. The library will be in the old school house. The year-book was still in the hands of the printer the Regent stated, and the decision in regard to the State conference in Oct. would not be known until the Regents meeting.

An invitation was received from Mrs Selon H. Sevine, for members of the chapter to meet Mrs Grace Le Baron Upham, and Mrs Helen E. Titus on the afternoon of May 4th. Mrs Ida Fan Miller, former regent of Fanueil Chapter of Wakefield, read an interesting paper on Fanueil hall, and Miss Ethel Livingston gave a most effective impersonation in costume of "Sabitha Tubbs at the Village Sewing Circle." Refreshments were then served, bringing to a close, a very enjoyable and successful meeting.

Janet Northen Smith.
Recording Secretary.

May 11th 1900. from 3.30 to 5.30 P.M.

A reception was given the members of the Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. by Mrs John H. Sturgis at her residence 8 Tyler Park. Mrs Grace LeBaron Upham of Boston an honorary member of the Chapter and of the Warren and Prescott chapter Boston, and Mrs Orlem V. Titus. President of Massachusetts Society United States Daughters of 1812. and Regent of the Adams Chapter. D.R. of Quincy.

Among the invited guests were the officers of Old Middlesex Chapter D.A.R. The dining room decorations were quite artistic. a mound of red and white carnations was in the centre of the table. the candelabra shades were red. and on one side of the table draped in the centre, was a silk flag. the blue field rising in pyramid shape above the table in the midst of the red and white giving a beautiful effect. After greetings had been exchanged, and all had partaken of refreshments, Mrs Upham made a brief address, and said she considered herself a Lowell girl, because, there is no home like our birthplace, and felt that the Chapter honored her, because of the memory of her gifted and patriotic mother.

(Mrs Jane Emma Locke.) one time known as Lowell's poet. Mrs Upham recited an original poem entitled "Roses, Lilies, and Forget-me-nots." The names of the flowers indicative of the national colors. Mrs Titus also briefly addressed the guests, referring to the work which has been taken up by patriotic women, of rebuilding the old fugate "Constitution". She also invited the members of the Chapter to visit the old John Adams house in Quincy, which is in the keeping of the Adams Chapter D. R. and the Chapter voted to accept the invitation. Mr. George F. Marston. President of Old Middlesex Chapter S.A.R. made a few remarks. The Regent then made an appeal for voluntary contributions in behalf of the Cuban teachers. the 25th being the limit to receive them. A most delightful afternoon was then brought to a close.

Janet Worthen Smith.

Rec Secy.

The Molly Varnum chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, went to Lexington yesterday. There were nearly 40 in the party and they went from Lowell on the 9.15 electric. On reaching their destination Rev. Mr. Staples conducted them to the places of interest on the common, to the library and other buildings and through the attention of Mrs. Walker, formerly Mrs. Emma Manning Huntley of this city, they were allowed to take their luncheon in a beautiful grove on the grounds of one of the residents. The party returned to Lowell at 6 o'clock. June 29 1900. Friday

Sept. 11th 1900.

The first Chapter meeting after the summer vacation was held in Memorial Hall at 2.30 P.M. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Miss E. K. Sterne officiated pro tem. A motion to have the roll-call omitted having been carried, the session was devoted to business. The Regent spoke of the time, and work, which Mrs J. B. French spent in arranging an excursion to Quincy, but which unfortunately, could not be carried out.

Miss Farrington read a paper prepared by Miss Crosby, on the trip made to Lexington by about 40 members of the Chapter June 29th, and Miss Sterne, read a report of the day in Amesbury, as guests of the "Whittier Home Association." The Regent stated, that she had heard that the Association greatly desired a flag, and she hoped that sometime in the near future, the Chapter might feel able to give them one, as a mark of appreciation of their genuine hospitality. The following delegates were chosen to the State Conference in Highland Club House Oct. 16th.

Alternates.

Mrs Thomas Nesmith. Miss Abby F. Crosby.
Mrs Charles D. Palmer. " Mary A. Webster.
Mrs E. N. Burke. " Helen A. Whittier.
Mrs Geo F. Richardson. Mrs Harriet E. L. Ward.
Mrs Harry Reade. Mrs Wm. Farnham.
Mrs Joseph Smith. Mrs Henry Fletcher.

The City government of Lowell having granted the chapter the use of one of the rooms in Memorial Hall for revolutionary relics. Mrs Reade moved that we invite the S.A.R.'s to aid us in the collection. After considerable discussion as to the advisability of holding a "rummage" sale, a vote was taken in favor. and Mrs S. N. Sterine moved that we invite the young ladies chapter "Old Bay State" to assist, and ascertain what per. ct. of profits they would wish. The meeting then adjourned.

Ella K. Sterine Secretary pro tem.

Attest, Janet Nathan Smith Rec. Secy.

October 4th 1900

The Molly Varnum chapter met at Memorial Hall at 4 P.M. After the roll-call and reading of Art. II of the Constitution. The record of the

come over night

last meeting were read and approved. By no
provision had been made in the By-Laws for
the election of delegates to this coming Continental
Congress, action was taken on a motion to
suspend the By-Laws. Mrs Williams moved
that Sec. III of Article VI be suspended. which
was voted upon and lost. Mrs Palmer
proposed an amendment by striking out the
clause relating to election of delegates and a
special By-Law be offered in regard to the
election. The Regent appointed Mrs Nemith,
Mrs Brock and Mrs Williams to withdraw and
draw up a new By-Law. The Committee subse-
quently reported, that after striking out the
clause relating to election of delegates, an
additional new section be added. That all
nominations for delegates and alternates to the
Continental Congress, be sent to the Rec. Sec'y
before November. The Regent left the chair
to Mrs Nemith, and moved that this be amen
ded, so the new section V. should read,
delegates and alternates to the Continental
Congress shall be elected at the regular

meeting in December. This was voted upon and carried. The Regent gave notice that the nomination would be closed at the next meeting, and the list read. The Regent talked about the Conference and asked the programme to be read, stating that the State Regent had made the principal arrangements, and is really the one who decides matters. The rummage sale is abandoned for the present. The meeting then adjourned.

Janet Worthen Smith Rec. Sec'y.

mark or a building to preserve. In a city like Lowell with its 92,000 inhabitants, where now-a-days in public places the French language falls quite as frequently upon our ears as the English. Where our colony of 2000 Greeks, with their own duly appointed consul, has become so much a part of us, that their impressive looking priest with his black robes, and long flowing beard, hardly attracts a passing glance; where groups of dark-eyed Syrian women with gay kerchiefs over their heads, pass through our streets continually; with our Swedes, Armenians, Italians and Chinese, and added to these our thousands of English, Irish and Scottish kinsmen and what are we among so many? We may well turn to Revolutionary times for inspiration in our work. In the year 1775 there lived in a grand old town of Essex county, Massachusetts, a man who took an active part in the work of that ever-important section of the state. Trained by years of experience in our Indian wars, he became, as the old records and documents show, the trusted admirer of even Gen. Washington himself. Weeks before the battle of Bunker Hill he was busy early and late, forming companies, drilling men, and riding hither and thither on important missions. But on the 17th of June, among his brother officers on that memorable battlefield, our gallant captain was conspicuous only by his absence. He was not ill for the next day he came to the front again active as ever. For over 100 years this mystery remained unexplained, but his descendants loyal to his memory, refused to believe that lack of courage kept him from facing the foe. But six or seven years ago, in a trunk in an attic was found a paper which proved to be an order from higher authorities transmitted through the local committee

"This conference is called for the purpose of becoming a deliberative body, and on such, is bound to deliberate, and plan for the advancement and improvement of the society.

"The society is proud of being democratic and national, and it is for you to give the greatest of all gifts; personal attention and personal assistance. I hope the aim of every American daughter will be to perpetuate patriotism. Let it be your aim to make the society the very embodiment of patriotic purpose. Let the name of the Daughters of the American Revolution become one of which the country will be proud."

Miss Daggett's words were received with enthusiastic applause.

As the state secretary was unable to read her report, one of the delegates performed this duty for her. This comprised a thorough report of the minutes of the last convention held last year in Boston, and it was very favorably received and accepted.

Miss Marion H. Brazier, regent of Paul Jones Chapter of Boston, was then introduced and read her report; that of historian.

It proved very interesting and was well received.

The treasurer's report was read by Miss Vining of Boston. The report was then accepted. A motion was made and carried to have a general discussion on the financial condition of the society at the next meeting of the regents and officers. It was so voted.

An address by the vice-president general for Massachusetts, Mrs. George F. Fuller proved full of interest and was received with a warmth of heart that was general.

She spoke in a general way upon the purpose of organization of the D. A. R.,

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NEW GAIETY THEATRE

BILL FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 15th.

CLIFFORD AND DIXON,
Rapid-Fire Comedians.
THE GOLDMANS,
High-Class Musical Act.
THE ZARROS,
Mystifiers in "Realms of Fancy."
ELLENE JAGUA,
Mezzo Soprano and Whistler.

LOTTA GLADSTONE,
Cleverest Woman in Vaudeville.
THE O'BRIEN TRIO,
Greatest of All Acrobats.
HAYNES AND REDMOND,
"What Are You Saying?"
M. FRANCOIS,
Chapeaugraphy and Finger Shadows.

FRANK C. MACK..... Manager

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material advantage to patriotism. I do not say that I do not object to sociability. It is a very good thing. But remember and consider, ladies, that drinking tea and talking about the patriotism of long ago is not patriotism today. They fought their enemies of their day; are we fighting ours of today. There are boys and girls who are grown up today, not knowing what self-sacrifice is.

"The most patriotic thing of the year to my mind was done by Miss Daggett, and it was not by waving of flags. She was interested in the Italians in Boston, and she got an audience of them, and with the aid of the stereopticon, taught and explained to them the significance of our flag.

"I say to you, ladies and gentlemen, that the most patriotic thing to do is to teach our American citizens something about our history. They need to know something of Washington, Lincoln and Longfellow. Patriotism, remember, does not depend altogether upon the gun. Not half as much as upon the spelling book.

"What is needed is present valor, the teaching of true patriotism. I have not come here to criticise you, for I know some of you are doing good work, but, friends, you can do more. There was never such a time for women. She is much freer than man, for a man has no time to study the subjects we have. He is pressed too much by business. I agree in everything Mrs. Smith says, all but one.

"As regards us being a world power, we have been one for a good many years, and I hope will continue.

"To sum up I will say: Be more full of the spirit of self-sacrifice, be not afraid to go among the mill operatives of your city and teach the principles of patriotism among the mob element, which exists in every American city."

Mrs. Mead's address was warmly received, and after a cornet solo by Mr. B. B. Keyes, which was also well received, the next speaker of the afternoon was introduced as Mr. Solon W. Stevens of this city.

Mr. Stevens said:

"In making my acknowledgements of the courtesy of the invitation to participate in these pleasant exercises, it has occurred to me that it might be in consonance with the proprieties of the hour to indulge in a few reflections relative to one of the most picturesque incidents of the American

railroads and prevent [illegible]

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Belsey Ross Chapter, Lawrence;
Adams Tufts Chapter, Somerville;
Folger Chapter, Nantucket;
Concord Chapter, Newburyport;
Old Colony Chapter, Concord; Old
Mercy Warren Chapter, Hingham;
Miss Draper Chapter, Springfield;
Lydia Vineyard Chapter, West Roxbury;
Lucy Knox Chapter, Taunton;
Jackson Chapter, Gloucester;
John Adams Chapter, Bos-
Hannah Winthrop Chapter,
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Wheeler, Miss Taylor,
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Miss Mary Bartlett, Miss
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ers, served as ushers:
State and Captain John

[illegible] in recent times as well. I do not forget that the intellect of a woman was the one potential force in awakening the public conscience to the enormity of the greatest of crimes in her thrilling story of outraged humanity in the cabin of Uncle Tom."

Hence I invoke the aid of an organization like this to assist in developing a patriotic spirit which not only reveres the past but which looks with hopeful eyes to the future. Our country has passed from the pupilage of youth to the responsibilities of manhood. It must do [illegible] world-wide movement

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FLOYD BIBLE CLASS REUNIO

PLEASANT SOCIAL EVENT A THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

ADDRESSES BY MESSRS. MILLING TON, SMITH AND FORD, ALDER- MAN TAYLOR AND DEACON FLOYD.

The Floyd Bible Class banquet at the First Baptist Church last evening was a very pleasant social affair. The class has been meeting at the banquet table every three months, and the social last evening was in keeping with the preceding occasions, notwithstanding the bad turn the weather had taken during the latter part of the afternoon, bringing rain and a cold wind. The number present last evening was 48.

Mr. T. M. Rumney, the president of the class, officiated as toastmaster, and when all had done justice to the choice viands he introduced as the first speaker Rev. H. W. O. Millington, pastor of the Fifth Street Baptist Church.

The speaker congratulated Deacon Floyd for having such a large class. There is no book studied like the Bible, but we oftentimes forget to study it as deeply as we ought. Lives are made better and stronger on account of the influence that goes out on account of the study of God's word. He spoke about the Pastors Aid Society connected with his own parish. It is a growing and useful organization and it is a great help to the church and pastor. It also furnishes a home for the strangers coming into the church, and it furnishes a means of putting new converts to work for the Master. It is also a means of strengthening the individual members of the society. God has provided the Bible as a food for the soul, and it is only as we feed on it that we grow strong and help others. He urged all present to give their hearts and minds more fully to the study of the Bible if the world is to be abundantly blessed.

The class sang a hymn, after which Rev. Brown E. Smith, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, spoke interestingly. The Bible is our chart, he said. Deacon Floyd's class means a leader—a teacher. One who has given his heart and soul to its welfare. Such a class must be a great stimulus to the rest of the Sunday school. The speaker was of the firm belief that everybody should be put to work if the church is to grow. Let each one be a teacher and the class is bound to do God's work.

Rev. S. T. Ford was the next speaker. He referred to Rev. Mr. Millington as the senior Baptist pastor in the city. He always liked to think of Deacon Floyd's class as the Scriptural class of the church. The men, women, wives and husbands all help to make the class what it is, socia-

November 2nd 1901.

The Molly Cannum Chapter D.A.R. met at Memorial Hall at 3.30 P.M. After the usual introductory exercises, the records of the last meeting were read and approved. Action was taken on the amendment to the By-laws offered by Mrs Arsmith, as follows. Amend Art VI Sec 3 by striking out the words, the election of delegates to the Continental Congress. Insert Sec V as follows; The delegates to the Continental Congress shall be elected at the regular meeting in December. (Nominations for delegates and alternates will close at this meeting and the list be read). Mrs Williams moved that amendment be accepted, voted upon and carried. The Regent then read the list

Mrs C. M. Williams.
" Thomas Arsmith.
" John C. Irich.
" Franklin Nourse.
" Geo. F. Richardson.
" Chas. E. Carter.

The gavel presented to the Chapter by Mrs Grace Le Baron Upham (one honorary member)

was christened at this meeting. It is made from wood from flag-ship Olympia from Dewey's State room. The Regent said it was her pleasant duty to present the gavel to the Chapter in behalf of Mrs Upham. and it was unanimously voted that Thanks be sent the latter for her beautiful gift. The Report of the Treasurer. giving the expenses of the State Conference. was read. The expenses were $313.79 receipts $211.60 — showing $102.19 to be the cost of the Conference. This was approved. A most interesting paper on the work of the National Society D. A. R. was read by Mrs Griffin. and Mrs Geo. Richardson moved that it be read at some future meeting when a larger number were present. seconded and carried. The Regent thanked the Chapter for their hearty cooperation in rendering the recent Conference so successful,, and instructed the Cor. Sec. to send a vote of thanks to the Bay State Chapter, for their efficient services. Letters were read from many Chapter Regents, expressing their pleasure at its success and perfect arrangements; and a letter from Mrs Sp. Cor. Walcott. from Switzerland. regretting

her unavoidable absence on that occasion.
Mrs Barton read a paper on Personal recollections of the Conference. Mrs Geo. L. Richardson moved that a vote of thanks be extended the speakers for their efforts in our behalf, sec. and carried. and the Cor. Sec. was so instructed.
The Regent said she had at last gained permission to occupy the room at Memorial Hall as our own. to furnish with relics, and asked for donations of old fashioned chairs, china, pictures &c. A letter was read from the [illegible] daughter of a Revolutionary soldier (Mrs) Edith Prescott (Evans) asking the Regent to interest the Chapter in her behalf. and assist her in procuring a pension.
Miss Webster moved. that she be advised to find out what district her husband served in. and also apply to Daughters of 1812. and the Treasurer forward to chairman at Washington a statement of her claims. This was voted upon sec. and carried.
The meeting then adjourned.

Janet Prathen Smith
Rec. Secy.

State Chapter in giving an entertainment, and the Regent appoint a committee to confer with their chapter. This was seconded, voted upon and carried. The Regent appointed Mrs Williams chairman of that committee. She stated that Mrs Barnes of Methuen and Mrs Hawkins of Weymouth would be our guests at the Dec. meeting, when a little reception would be given, and the relic room ready for inspection; The lecture on China would be given in January. Mrs Walter W. Johnson, Nesmith St. was nominated by permission of the Board of Management, and favorably voted upon. The application blank of

Mrs George L. Skinner.
(Flora D.)
158 Wetherbee St.

was acted upon, and she was unanimously elected to the Chapter. The meeting then adjourned.

Janet Worthen Smith.
Rec Sec'y.

Regent of the Paul Revere Chapter, to come to the Dec. meeting, and give a talk on settlement work. Miss Emma L. Hagen was chosen custodian for the relics. The Board was informed by Mrs Thompson of Mrs Neale's petition for a commission as Regent to reestablish a new D.A.R. Chapter in Lowell; this created quite a discussion, and Mrs Howard moved, that the Board uphold the Regent in her views in the attitude we should take towards Mrs Neale, which was voted upon and most heartily seconded and carried. The meeting then adjourned.

Janet Prothen Smith.
Rec Sec'y.

B of M of the Nov. 23d. 1900

The Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. met at Memorial Hall at 2.30 P.M. Present, Mrs Thompson - Mrs Richardson - Miss Farington - Miss Kimball - Miss Stevens and Mrs Joseph Smith. The records of the last meeting were read and akkroved. The Regent states, that we had been asked to join the Bay State Chapter in a vaudeville entertainment, to raise money, and asked an opinion from the Board. after some discussion. Miss Stevens moved that we cooperate with the Bay

Sept. 26th 1900

The Regent stated that she would be at Memorial Hall every Monday from 2.30 to 4 P.M. until after the Conference, to meet any who might desire to confer with her. Various matters pertaining to the Conference were discussed, and the meeting then adjourned.

Janet Worthen Smith.
Rec Secy.

October 31st 1900

The Board of Management of the Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R. met at Memorial Hall at 4 P.M. In the absence of the Regent, the Vice Regent presided; all of the Board present but Miss Reader. The records of previous meeting were read and approved. The application papers of

Mrs John P. Kobler.
(Miss Belle Dodge) 353 Wetherd St.

were read and acted upon. She was unanimously elected to the Chapter. A limit to the time for the filing out and return of application papers was discussed. and Mrs Horace moved that hereafter, applicants for admission to the Chapter, be limited to one year in which the application papers may be reclaimed. provided that a report of progress be made to the Registrar in six months from receipt of papers; and that

she be instructed to notify those who already have application papers that at a meeting of the Board of Management it was voted that they must be returned in six months from date. this was seconded and carried.
The meeting then adjourned.
Janet Worthen Smith. Rec. Secy.

Nov. 12th 1900

The Board of Management of the Molly Cannon Chapter D.A.R. met at Memorial Hall at 2.30 P.M.
Present. Mrs Thompson – Mrs Howard – Miss Sherwin – Miss Kimball – Miss Farrington & Mrs Joseph Smith.
The records of the last meeting were read and approved.
The Regent said that the Chapter had been invited by Mrs Lily a. black. Chairman of the History Department of the Middlesex Club, to give an entertainment illustrating noted characters in American History, at their rooms; the board declined the invitation. and the Rec. Secy. was instructed to reply, that while appreciating the compliment, we were unable to accept. A letter was read from Mrs. Boggaldi of Medford. saying she would give us a lecture on china in January for $10.00 and expenses. The Regent said she had invited Mrs Holbrook

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the previous meeting was read and approved. A motion made by Mrs Burke that the additional contributions for the Cuban Teachers be added to the sum already given, so that it might appear in the records, was seconded and carried. $155.00 was contributed by the Chapter. A communication was read by the Regent from the Common Council, authorizing the D.A.R.'s to place pulpit in the room occupied by them, which was for their exclusive use.

The application papers of

Miss Fred Fox
(Liggie Richardson) P.O. Box 429.

Mrs Henry C. Fuller.
(Martha M.) 237 Branch St.

Mrs Asa C. Russell.
(Emma M.) 531 Wilder St.

Mrs Walter Sawyer.
(Jennie H. Reed) Chelmsford.

were read and acted upon, and they were unanimously elected to the chapter. Mrs Charles M. Williams on Monday Sept. 17th entered her name for delegate to next congress

May 29th 1900 who declined
proposed by Mrs Joseph Smith. Miss Crosby by
Mrs Burke — Miss Irma Lee Carnum by
Mrs Harry Reade - and Mrs Harry Rayner by
Mrs H. M. Thompson. The Secretary was
instructed to notify them in the order chosen.
the next in rder taken if declined by the
one invited. The Quincy outing was deferred.
and Mrs Harry Reade moved that arangments
be made to have it June 30th or July 14th
which was seconded and carried. Supplementary
papers of the Misses Merrill already Chapter
members were certified and favorably acted
upon. The Regent reported she had $46.50 more $5.00
for the Cuban Teachers. Mrs Thomas Talbot.
also a member of the Chapter contributing
$50.00. On motion of Mrs Howard, the
meeting adjourned.

Janet Worthen Smith. Rec. Secy.

Sept. 26th 1900

The Board of Management of the Molly Carnum
Chapter D. A. R. met at Memorial Hall at 4 P. M.
Present, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Burke, Mrs Howard,
Mrs Richardson, Miss Fanning, Miss Keen, Miss
Stevens, and Mrs Joseph Smith. The records of

May 2nd 1900

For the lecture in old china to be given some time during the month. it was decided that an admission fee be charged, that it should be a small but representative exhibit of china. and be solicited. An appeal was made to the Chapter, by President Elliott for aid in behalf of the Cuban school teachers. Meeting then adjourned.

Janet Worthen Smith Rec Secy.

May 29th 1900

The Board of Management of the Molly Cayuga Chapter D.A.R. met at the house of the Regent at 4 o'clock. All present but Mrs Richardson. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. An invitation being received from the Whittier Home Association of Amesbury Mass. to visit the Home on Tuesday June the twelfth. it was voted to accept it and notify the Chapter by printed leaflets. A motion was made by Mrs Howard to have this take the place of the 27th of June meeting (see Art II Section I. which was seconded and carried) The resignation of Mrs L. E. A. Bartlett was accepted with regrets. and the following names were suggested for Historian, Miss [illegible] Robbins

May 2nd 1900

The Board of Management of the Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R. met at Mimonal Hall at 4 o'clock. All present but Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Ready. The Regent announced, that the Chapter's invitation to hold the State Conference here in October had been accepted at the last Regent's meeting, and that she would like a local executive committee appointed, with power to appoint a sub committee if so desired. She suggested Miss Whittier who resigned, Mrs McDaniels Mrs Ged. F. Richardson, and Miss Nemith. and Miss S. W. Sterne, take charge of the music. This meeting with the approbation of the Board, a motion by Mrs Burke was made to accept the committee, which was seconded and carried. A proof of the circular explaining about dues, which is soon to be sent to the members was read for approval; and Miss Farrington moved that the Treasurer see the new members personally, and explain the call for the National dues of 1901 seconded by Mrs Howard and carried. An outing was suggested to Concord and Lexington, and Miss Crosby was chosen to arrange matters.

Mar. 20th 1900

heard in regard to the Bracut Library.
Mrs John L. Brick and Mrs Joseph Smith Mrs. G. C. Brock
were appointed by the Regent to take up the
question of patriotism in school work.
Encouraging reports from Mrs Bacon chairman
of committee on D. A. R. work were receiving.
A decision was reached in regard to the
year book and the members anxiously await them.
Meeting then adjourned.

Janet Worthen Smith Rec Sec'y.

April 16th 1900.

The B of M. of the Molly Cannum Chapter met at the
residence of Mrs H. M. Thompson at 4 o'clock. Present
Mrs Thompson. Mrs Howard, Miss Stevens Miss Kimball,
Miss Farrington and Mrs Joseph Smith. Records last meeting read & approved
The application papers of Mrs Almon G. Walch.
(Adelaide J. Bradbrook) 419 Andover St.
and Frances E. Bradbrook. 419 Andover St.
were acted upon and they were unanimously
elected to the Chapter. Meeting then adjourned.

Janet Worthen Smith. Rec. Sec'y.

many members about the annual dues. The Regent and Treasurer were authorized to make as clear and concise a statement of the matter as possible, to have printed in circular form and mailed to each person viz. The annual membership dues of the Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. should be paid the first Friday in April 1900. (The date of the annual meeting) The limit for the payment of dues is the 1st of November of the same year. All delinquents lose their membership after that date. Mrs Burke moved the time limit, not to be printed upon the folder.

Action was taken in regard to the application papers of Reverend Mrs Hannah E. L. Ward. (Jessie Wiley) 249 Branch St. she being unanimously elected to the chapter.

It was suggested, that the Ayer Home might be available for Alice Morse Earle's Lecture on old china, and Mrs Burke was asked to see the President in regard to it. The subject of the State Conference, was decided to be brought up at the April meeting. Nothing had been

Mar. 6th 1900.

It was moved and seconded, that the Registrar omit the reading of the application papers of Miss Emmeline C. Merriman 138 Merrimac St, as they had been previously read at a Board meeting, and being incomplete were not voted upon: but being satisfactorily made out, they were returned to the Board, action taken upon them, and she was unanimously elected. It was decided to obtain the 19th of April in a private house as a public meeting has so recently been given. Estimates for the Chapter Year book, were received from Mrs Keating Reade, and preferences for the same, were given from the samples shown. The Regent said that the Lecture on Blue China would take the place of the May meeting. Meeting then adjourned.

Janet Worthen Smith Rec. Secy

Mar. 20th 1901

The Bd of M of the W. T. Chapter D.A.R. met at the residence of Mrs H. M. Thompson at four o'clock P.M. Present. Mrs Thompson, Mrs Burke. Mrs Conrad. Miss Skinner. Miss Kimball. Miss Farrington and Mrs Joseph Smith. It not be clearly understood by

enforced. That the national flag should fly from every school house. That the law should be repealed compelling the city to furnish school books. many of them from long usage are defaced have an incomplete number of pages and from a sanitary point of view are a danger to both teachers pupils & public. The washing of the floors of the School buildings but once a year, was another existing evil.

It was voted, that the Board recommend to the Chapter, that the State Convention meet here in October. Meeting then adjourned.

Janet Northey Smith. Rec Secy.

March 6th 1900

The Board of Management of the Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. met at the residence of Mrs H.W. Thompson at four o'clock P.M. Present all but Mrs Bartlett. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from the Librarian General of the National Society expressing her sincere thanks for the gift of the History of Dunstable, and appreciation of same

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February 8th 1900

The Board of Management of the Molly Cannon Chapter D.A.R. met at the residence of Mrs F. M. Thompson (the Regent) at 4 o'clock P.M. present all but Mrs Burke and Mrs Geo L. Richardson. Mrs Bartlett

Records of previous meetings were read and approved.

It was voted to have folders printed for the 22d of February meeting, including notice of March meeting which was postponed to the second Friday in March, to enable the Regent to give full accounts of the Continental Congress. Miss Sterne, Mrs Geo L. Richardson, and Mrs Joseph Smith were appointed a Committee to carry out plans for Washington's birthday. The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Mrs Grace Le Baron (Mrs Henry) Upham, expressing the pleasure it gave her to become an honorary member of the Chapter and thanking them for the honor conferred upon her. Through the enterprise of Miss Sterne, a copy of the History of Dunstable, was presented by the Misses Sheldon to the Chapter, for the Regent to personally take to Washington, as a gift to the National Library. Miss Sterne reported from the Committee on Schools, That the law should be

1st meeting of Board of Management for 1899

Saturday Evening Nov. 12 1898. 4 members met at Mrs. Thomas Nesmiths - Quorum being 5 no business could be done. Present Mrs. Nesmith Miss Kimball - Miss Farrington and Mrs. Neale

M. M. Neale
Secy

2nd meeting Nov. 19th 1898.

At Mrs. Thomas Nesmiths Present 5 members Mrs. Nesmith - Mrs. Thompson - Mrs. Howard Miss Kimball and Mrs. Neale -

Miss Howe declined to serve as Corresponding Secy - Mrs. Geo. L. Harper was elected but declined - Mrs. Joseph Smith having the next largest number was elected and accepted the position - Miss M. Ida Howe was elected and accepted the position of one of the the Board of Management -

Mrs. C. B. Rawlett was elected Chairman of the Com. for Entertainment - with Mrs. Harry Raynes Mrs. E. M. Huntley and Mrs. Bailey to assist - Mrs. Thompson stated the needs of the Vol. Aid Association - Mrs. Howard

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moved that the Chapter give the Association Twenty-five Dollars to be used in their work. Motion was carried. (This is in accordance with the vote of the Chapter at some meeting previous to Dec. 19th)

Maria M. Neale

Secy Molly Varnum D.A.R.

Nov. 19. 1898

3d meeting of the Board of Management—
March 9—1899— Was held at the home
of Regent Mrs. Thomas Nesmith— Application
Papers for Mrs. Solon Stevens - Miss Grace Varnum
Mrs. Adelia Parker were presented. No of ladies
present 6— Mrs. Nesmith - Mrs. Thompson -
Mrs. Richardson Miss Kimball
Miss Farrington - Mrs. Neale - The papers
were all accepted by vote of members present
Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson was nominated
and elected Chairman of Entertainment Com.
for Apr. 19— Mrs. Richardson to choose her
assistants— Mrs. Nesmith gave her resignation
to the members of the Board present—
Mrs. Nesmith— Nominated Mrs. H. M. Thompson
to fill the vacancy— Motion was made and
carried - Miss Rose was nominated and
elected to fill the office of Vice Regent—
Mrs. Nesmith— invited the Chapter to meet
with her - Wed. P.M. March 15—1899. at 3.30
o'clock— Next Board meeting to be Wed. March 5
at 3 o'clock at Mrs. Thomas Nesmiths

Maria M. Neale
Sec'y Molly Varnum D. A. R.

The Board meeting to have been held March 15th was held at Mrs. N. M. Thompsons the 17th of March - The subject of doing something to mark the place in Chelmsford from which the Minute men marched in April 1775 - was discussed and a motion carried to that effect - It was thought best to appoint A Com. to ascertain what could be done - by way of a marker for a boulder - This Com. to consist of one from the Board of Management - one from Chelmsford and one from the Chapter. Mrs. Nesmith - Miss Warren - and Mrs. Bosch were elected as Com. to confer with Chelmsford persons and formulate some plan - to present to the Chapter.

Mrs. Howard moved that the Board of Management meet half an hour earlier than the Chapter meets to appoint a Com. for the next meeting or for other business - Motion was carried

The unfinished business having been disposed of Mrs. Neale asked the Regent in justice to each officer to state which one was the one who was trying to split the

Chaplin and form a new one —

The answer was - "It is yourself" - Mrs. Neale asked for her authority and she said The State Regent Mrs. Fuller Mrs. Neale said she had not tried to split the chaplin nor to form a new one - Said she told Mrs. Fuller there was dissatisfaction in the Chaplin and she would probably appoint a regent for another chaplin another year - This was told to Mrs. Fuller on the honor of her word not to speak of it to a person Much discussion followed - When Mrs. Neale very unwisely made the remark that among other pleasant things which had come to her this winter was the remark to her by a member of the Chaplin that she had must have only twenty votes for delegate to Continental Congress This may not be the exact statement made ~~but~~ to the Board, but the purport is the same that she felt sure from those she knew voted the vote must have been 20. the members of D. V. Chaplin

Mrs. Thompson then said she refused to serve longer on the Board with Mrs. Neale

until the matter of unfairness in counting the votes is cleared up - The Counters to act as an investigating Com. the Regent to report to the Com.

She (Mrs. Thompson) also wished to say - "That any person agreeing with Mrs. Neale and her sentiments regarding this Chapter would be better off in another Chapter."

Maria M. Neale
Lucy Molly Varnum
Chapter D. A. R.

Will you please insert the
names of members of Board
of Management present
at the meeting March 17.

Mrs Nesmith,
Mrs. Thompson
Mrs. Richardson
Mrs. Smith
Mrs. Howard
Miss Kimball
" Farrington
Mrs. Neale

The Board of Managment of the Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. met March 17th at the residence of Mrs H. M. Thompson at 3.30 P.M. The following members were present.

Mrs Nyemith.
" Richardson.
" Thompson
" Howard.
" Neale.
" J. Smith.
Miss Farrington.
Kimball

Mrs Thompson brought up the matter of making a site in Chelmsford and moved, That a Committee consisting of a member of the Board, a member from the Chapter and a member from Chelmsford be made a Committee to consult on the matter and present their plan to the Chapter on the 19th of April. This motion was carried, and the following Committee

was appointed.

Mrs Azenith.
Mrs Brock.
Miss Warren.

The matter of appointing committees for the different monthly meetings of the Chapter was next brought up and Mrs Howard moved, that the Board of Management meet one half hour before the Chapter meeting to appoint the Committee of arangements for the next meeting.

carried.

Mrs Thompson moved that the arangements for the meeting on the 19th of April be left to the Committee appointed for that meeting Mrs S. L. Richardson Chairman

carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The Secretary then asked the Regent to whom she referred in her remarks at the Chapter meeting on the

15th. when she stated that an Officer was trying to break up the Chapter. The Regent replied, "It was yourself Mrs Neale." The Secretary emphatically denied this, but stated that there was great dissatisfaction in the Chapter, and a new Chapter would undoubtedly be formed within a year; that at the Meeting at the residence of the Regent, many members expressed to her their dissatisfaction with the Chapter.

After some discussion, the Secretary stated to the Board, that a member of the Chapter had said that "She knew of twenty people who had voted for Mrs Neale as Delegate to Washington, when only fourteen were announced."

The Board regarded this as a very serious matter, impugning as it did the honesty and integrity of those appointed to count the votes at the

Annual Meeting, and although the Secretary disclaimed the authorship of this statement, she would not deny that she believed it.

A member of the Board then said "I think it is only fair to all parties, that serious charges having been made, the authority for those charges should be given."

The Recording Secretary agreed more fully with this statement.

The Regent then gave Mrs Fuller the past State Regent, as her authority upon which Mrs Neald consulted as to the formation of a new Chapter.

The Recording Secretary, then after having been given the authorities for the charges against her, persistently refused to give her informants name. Mrs Thompson being the one who had benefited by the election in question. Then demanded an investigation, refusing to leave longer on

the Board with Mrs Neale, until this matter was cleared up. A member then suggested that the matter be referred to a Committee appointed to count the votes, and it was so agreed. After some further discussion this meeting adjourned at 7.30 P. M.

Thence Hibbert Recorder
Elsie Taylor Humphrey
Charlotte J. Howard
Lena J. Kimball
Ida R. Richardson
Jane Blayney Farrington
Janet Nathan Smith

The Board of Management of the Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R met at the residence of Mrs H. M. Thompson March 20th at 7.30 P. M. the following members were present.

Mrs Nesmith.
Mrs Howard.
Mrs Richardson.
Mrs Thompson
Miss Howe.
Miss Kimball.
Mrs Joseph Smith.

The latter was appointed Secretary pro. tem.

1. It was moved and seconded that the report of the Recording Secretary be laid upon the table carried.
2. It was moved and seconded that the resignation of Mrs Neale be accepted. unanimously voted.
3. It was moved and seconded that the report of the Cor. Secretary be taken from the table carried.

4. It was moved and seconded that the report of the Recording Secretary be not accepted. carried.

5. It was moved and seconded that as the report of the Rec. Sec. of the meeting of the 17th was not accepted the board prepare an accurate and impartial report of that meeting carried

Report —

This report was then drawn up and Mrs Howard moved it be accepted, and presented at the Chapter Meeting March 21st at Memorial Hall. carried.

Janet Northen Smith.

Sec. Pro. Tem.

March 25th 1899 the Board of Management met at Mrs Thomas Nesmith's at 7.30 P. M. 6 present. Mrs Nesmith — Mrs Thompson — Mrs G. L. Richardson — Miss Howe — Miss Kimball — and Mrs Joseph Smith.

The first business was the appointment of a Recording Secretary for the remainder of the year. Mrs Thompson moved that Mrs Joseph Smith be appointed, seconded and carried. Mrs Smith accepted the position.

2nd Mrs Thompson moved that Miss Ethel Livingston be offered the position of Corresponding Secretary for the remainder of the year. seconded and carried.

Miss Howe moved that if Miss Livingston did not accept it be given to Miss Davis. seconded and carried.

Mrs Thompson moved that if the aforesaid members declined to serve. It be given to Miss Nellie Stevens. seconded and carried. The Recording Secretary subsequently notified Miss Livingston and Miss Abby Davis of their appointment. each declined to serve. and Miss

Nellie Stevens accepted the position.
Mrs Thompson moved that the Treasurer be authorized to send to Washington for copies of the Statutes Books
seconded and carried.
Mrs Thompson moved that the Regent of the Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. send greetings to the Old Colonial Chapter changed to Bay State
D.A.R. and invite the Regent Mrs Williams to attend the 19th of April meeting and the Chapter the 17th of June meeting.
seconded and carried.
It was suggested by the Regent that it would be pleasant to have the Dist. Federation meet in Lowell but it has since been appointed to meet in Kingham.
Mrs F. H. Varnum was appointed by the Regent to have charge of the entertainment for the May meeting and select her own committee.

Janet Northrup Smith.
Rec. Sec'y.

The Board of Management of the Molly Cannum Chapter D. A. R. met at the residence of Mrs. H. M. Thomkson May 3rd. at 7.30 P. M. The following members were present.

Mrs Nesmith.
Mrs Howard.
Mrs Richardson.
Mrs Thomkson.
Miss Howe.
Miss Farrington.
Miss Stevens.
Mrs Joseph Smith.

The purpose of the meeting, was to make the arrangements necessary for, and incidental to, the erection and unveiling of the boulder in Chelmsford June 17th. 1899. The discussion of the matter brought out the opinion, that as the Molly Cannum Chapter, was doing the work, and paying the bills, the whole function should be under its sole direction. To give these views concrete form upon the motion of Mrs Howard, it was voted That the ceremonies connected with the celebration of June 17th. in the town of Chelmsford,

and the unveiling of the memorial to the minute men be conducted by and under the supervision solely of this Chapter sec. and carried.

Jan A Northen Smith
Rec Sec

The Board of Management of the Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. met at the residence of the Regent Mrs Krumbh May 22nd at 7.30 PM the following members were present.

Mrs Krumbh.
Mrs Thornton.
Mrs Hawes.
Mrs Richardson.
Miss Farrington.
Miss Stevens.
Miss Kimball.
Mrs Jacob Smith.

In regard to the Chapter notices for the 17th of June. It was moved by Miss Farrington that the notices of the 17th of June be printed in a circular and sent to the members of the Chapter as soon as printed. sec. and carried.

In view of the proposed recession to Admiral

Dewey and the length of time before a Chapter meeting Mrs Thompson moved that the Board appropriate Ten ($10.00) for the reception, and the Rec. Secretary be instructed to inform the State Regent, Miss Sara H. Daggett 116 Commonwealth Av. and if he accepted the D.A.R.'s invitation, the Regent would be pleased to bring the matter before the Chapter. and possibly more would be given. Sec. and carried. The two Chelmsford ladies Mrs Frank E. Northen. and her Mother Mrs Russell whose names for admission to the Chapter were presented were accepted conditionally. but it was decided to send them invitations for June 17th.

Janet Northen Smith.
Rec. Secretary.

The Board of Management of the Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. met at the residence of the Regent Mrs Nesmith June 15th at 7.30 P.M. Present

Mrs Nesmith. Miss Stevens.
Mrs Thompson. Mrs Joseph Smith.
Miss Howe.
Miss Kimball
Miss Farrington

A communication was received from the Anti-Imperialistic League of Boston asking signatures to a petition protesting against the war in the Philippine Islands. It was voted that the matter be laid on the table.

It was voted that no meetings should be held in July and August. and the September meeting should be in charge of one of the following ladies. to be asked in the order given. the next in order taken if declined by the one invited. Miss Harriet Young — Mrs Lenawford Burnham — Miss Mary Shattuck Miss Fenham — Mrs Kenny Robyns — Mrs L. E. Paige.

Miss Young declined and Mrs Burnham accepted

Mrs Joseph Smith moved that the October meeting be in charge of Mrs. L. D. Palmer. with power to choose their own committee.

rec. and carried.

Janet Worthen Smith.
Rec. Secy

The Board of Management of the Molly Cannum Chapter D.A.R. met at the residence of Mrs H. M. Thompson July 3rd at four o' clock. Present

Mrs Thomas Nesmith. Miss Stevens.
Mrs Thompson Miss Farrington
Mrs Howard. Mrs Joseph Smith.
Mrs Richardson.

A circular from Washington, asking for money from the Chapter, for the Continental Memorial Hall was read by the Regent. It was moved by Mrs Joseph Smith, and seconded by Mrs Thompson, that it be laid upon the table. sec. and carried.

The approval of bills for expence incurred the 17th of June, completed the business ($86.85)

Janet Worthen Smith,
Rec. Scy.

The Board of Management of the Molly Cannum Chapter D.A.R. met at the residence of Mrs Thomas Nesmith Sept 7th at four o' clock, Present Mrs Nesmith - Mrs Howard - Miss Stevens - Miss Hare

Miss Farrington – Miss Kimball – Mrs Jos. Smith.

It was voted that the October meeting should be in charge of Mrs E. E. A. Bartlett and if declined by her. Mrs H. H. McDaniels was chosen. with power to select her own Committee.

The Board of Management of the Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R. met at the residence of Mrs Thomas Nesmith Oct. 12th at four o'clock. Present — Mrs Nesmith. Mrs Thompson — Mrs Howard — Miss Stevens — Miss Kimball — Miss Farrington – Mrs Jos. Smith

Mrs Luke Fletcher and Mrs Frank E. Nathan were unanimously elected members of the Chapter.

Mrs Thompson moved, that the Board of Management endorse the Regent in sending the sum of Ten Dollars to the State Regent, for flowers for Admiral Dewey, from the Massachusetts Society D. A. R. seconded by Miss Stevens. carried.

At a request from Washington for a photograph of the Chelmsford Memorial Boulder. Mrs Thompson was authorized to procure one.

Mrs Thompson moved that the bylaws be amended, and the Annual Meeting be held the first Friday in November. and printed notices be procured for the same. &c. and carried.

Janet Wathen Smith.
Rec. Secy

The Board of Management of the Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R. met at Memorial Hall. Friday afternoon Nov. 3d. at 2 o'clock.

Present — Mrs Thomas Nesmith
Mrs Wm H. Hazard.
Mrs Geo L. Richardson.
Miss Lina J. Kimball.
Miss M. Blanche Fanning.
Miss Ella F. Sleeper.
Mrs Jocelyn Smith.

The application papers of
Mrs J. W. Perham of Chelmsford.

was presented for approval. she was unanimously elected.

At the hour for the Meeting of the Chapter arrived the Board ~~withdrew~~. The Regent requested that the members of the Board reconvene

at the close of the Chapter meeting. Upon the reassembling of the Board of Management, the Regent presented her resignation to take effect at once. Mrs George L. Richardson nominated Mrs N. H. Howard Chairman of the meeting unanimous vote. It was moved by Mrs N. H. Howard, to accept the resignation of Mrs Thomas Neesmith the Regent. &c. and called The Board as provided by the By-Laws of the Chapter filled the vacancy for the ensuing year. or until the next Annual Meeting.
Mrs Joseph Smith moved that Mrs Henry M. Thompson be appointed to succeed Mrs Neesmith as Regent. seconded by Miss Carrington. unanimous vote.
Miss Lina J. Kimball moved that Mrs Edward N. Burke be appointed Vice Regent. seconded by Mrs Geo. L. Richardson. unanimous vote.

Janet Northen Smith.
Rec. Sec'y

The Board of Management of the Molly Cannum Chapter D.A.R. met at the residence of the Regent Mrs Fanny M. Thompson Nov. 16th. at four o'clock.
Present — Mrs Henry M. Thompson. Miss M Ida Howe.
Mrs Edward N. Burke. Miss Sara J. Kimball
Mrs Geo. L. Richardson. Miss M Blanche Fanning
Mrs Wm H. Konrad. Miss M. Ella Stevens.
Mrs Joseph Smith.

It was moved by Mrs Konrad that the records of the previous Board of Management meeting be approved. sec. and carried
The Regent read a letter from the State Regent recalling her resignation and Mrs E. N. Burke moved that the Rec. Sec'y acknowledge this, and express gratification of the Chapter. sec. and carried.
Mrs Konrad moved that a business meeting of the Chapter be held at Memorial Hall on the afternoon of Nov. 24th. at three o'clock. to nominate and elect delegates to the Continental Congress sec. and carried.
Mrs Konrad moved that we postpone the consideration of other business until the next Chapter meeting sec. and carried

Miss Sarah W. Taggett.
State Regent D.A.R. of Mass.

My Dear Miss Taggett,

It gives me much pleasure to express to you the satisfaction and gratification with which the Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. has received your decision to recall your resignation, and continue serving the organization as its State Regent.

Sincerely Yours.
Janet Northend Smith.
Recording Secretary.

Lowell. Mass.
November the seventeenth. 1899.

Mrs Joseph Smith.
Recording Secretary Molly Varnum Chapter.

My Dear Mrs Smith.

I have the honor to acknowledge your very cordial letter of November the seventeenth and beg you to accept and to express to the officers and members of the Molly Varnum Chapter my gratitude for the kindness and loyalty to

charmingly expressed.

Faithfully Yours

Sara Whittmore Daggett.

Nov. 18th 1899

The Board of Management of the Molly Cannon Chapter D. A. R. met at the residence of Mrs Henry M. Thompson Dec. 11th at four o' clock. Present — The entire board. 9 members. The records of the previous Board of Management meeting were approved. The names of the following applicants were presented for approval, and were unanimously elected.

Mrs Artemas B. Woodworth

(Lucia Brooks) 15 Hawthorne St.

Mrs Henry P. Woodworth.

(Andy Whittmore) 14 Oakland St.

Mrs Conrad moved that the Regent and Rec. Secy be empowered to select a date for the December meeting. etc. and carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

Janet Worthen Smith.

Recording Secretary.

The Board of Management of the Molly Varnum Chapter D.A.R. met at the residence of Mrs Henry M. Thompson Jan. 19th 1900 at four o'clock
All present but Mrs Burke, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Bartlett.
The Recording Secretary read the records of the last meeting which were approved. The Regent spoke of her various plans for the coming year which met the approval of the Board. It was voted that the Teachers of the Chapter, should be put on a committee to look into the matter of Schools, and see what patriotic work could be done there. A Lecture on blue china by Alice Morse Earle was thought desirable and Mrs Julian Talbot was suggested as chairman of that committee. The Library question was left in the hands of the Regent. It was deemed best to delegate the writing up of the D.A.R. work to some if duly member of the Chapter. The name of

Mrs Charles O. F. Wheeler. 13 Coral St.
(Clara A. E. Wheeler)

was presented for approval receiving an

unanimous vote. Mrs Thompson thought it best that an eligibility committee should be appointed, to be composed of people in different sections of the city, and chosen each one from those living nearest the applicant for membership. It was moved and seconded, that one should be appointed, the same to be selected by the Regent. It was decided that the 22nd of Feb. should be observed by holding a meeting in Memorial Hall, and that the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to engage the services of Mr Hoyt of Amesbury for a lecture on that occasion. The meeting then adjourned.

Janet Worthen Smith.
Rec. Secretary.

Copy of letter sent to Mrs Neale.

Lowell. Mar. 24th. 1899.

Mrs Maria M. Neale.
Lowell. Mass.

My Dear Madam.

I have the honor to advise you, that your resignations as Recording Secretary and member of the Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R. were duly received, and at a meeting of the board of government accepted.

Yours very respectfully.
Jane Pritchard Smith.
Rec. Sec. Pro. tem.

A Statement With Regard to the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Mrs. Helen Tufts Bailie

By
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General Counsel for the Society

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Due to the rather extensive publicity given to what otherwise would have been but a routine matter in the conduct of the affairs of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, it has become expedient to issue a statement of the facts of the case.

There have been so many half-truths, misleading reports and false statements as to both the events leading up to the action taken by the National Board of Management, and the hearing itself that having acted as counsel for the Society in this matter, I feel it my duty to the members and to the public to issue this statement.

Mrs. Helen Tufts Bailie, before she was expelled by a decision recently rendered by the National Board of Management of the D. A. R., was a member of the D. A. R., and for sometime had been advocating and urging radical changes in its constitution, administration and policies. Apparently because the national officers did not immediately take action in accordance with her suggestions, which they could not possibly have done without the authority of the Continental Congress, she began to attack the organization, not only among its members but, by her own admissions, among outsiders, including over three hundred newspapers to which she gave interviews and statements. Her attacks, however, became so vicious and her statements so contrary to the facts that charges signed by nineteen members of the D. A. R. were filed against her. After full and complete notice, a hearing was set for the 21st of June last and at that hearing every opportunity was given Mrs. Bailie to defend and attempt to justify her acts against the Society. Failing utterly in this she was, by unanimous vote, expelled from membership.

The first time that Mrs. Helen Tufts Bailie came to the attention of the National Society of the

D. A .R. as a D. A. R. member was in the early part of 1928, when, as stated, she began to write letters to various national officers of the Society, protesting against the aims, policies and activities of the Society and, in particular, against those of the Defense Committee of that Society. As the policies of the D. A. R. are formulated by the Continental Congress, which once in each year meets in accordance with the by-laws, it was of course impossible for the officers who were addressed by Mrs. Bailie to change those policies, even if they were so disposed. Mrs. Bailie, as a member of the D. A. R., was presumed to subscribe to the by-laws of the society, a copy of which she either had or could obtain by asking; therefore, she should have known that it did not lie within the province of the national officers to bring about the changes which she advocated and that the only way in which this could be achieved would be by following the procedure explicitly and definitely provided for the purpose—that is to say, she could either seek election as a delegate to the Continental Congress from her chapter and present her views in person to that body, or she could have her views presented by and through the duly elected delegates of her chapter or some other. Despite this plainly indicated and orderly procedure, which she either knew or could have learned of, Mrs. Bailie chose to ignore it and elected to proceed along different lines in her attempt to attain her ends.

In addition to writing to officers of the Society, it soon became apparent that Mrs. Bailie was carrying on an indiscriminate correspondence, giving the benefit of her views not only to D. A. R. members, but to outsiders as well, in an effort to foster what she was pleased to call the "spirit of protest."

Although the annual meeting of the Continental Congress was scheduled to take place the week of April 16th, when an opportunity would have been afforded to present to delegates representing the national membership of the Society any views which Mrs. Bailie might have had affecting its welfare, she took occasion on the first day of April to make a speech before the Boston Ethical Society, in which she condemned the activities of the D. A. R., in violent language, holding up to ridicule its aims and criticizing its officers.

Not content with this public vilification of the Society of which she was still supposed to be a loyal member, Mrs. Bailie sought wider scope for her attacks and went to the newspapers with a statement in which she charged that the National Society of the

D. A. R. was issuing and circulating "blacklists" which contained the names of patriotic and prominent citizens and organizations. As Mrs. Bailie's one thought, according to her statements, was for the welfare of the Society, it would be supposed that she would be very sure of her ground before taking such a drastic step. Let us see how much justification she had. According to her own testimony, she saw a list at one of her chapter meetings, which list contained the names of certain individuals and organizations, with an indication after each as to what their political or social tendencies were. This list had nothing whatever on it to show that it was prepared or endorsed by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, which, in truth, it was not. At the hearing before the National Board of Management, Mrs. Bailie stated that she knew who prepared it, but refused to divulge the name of the person, although she had previously stated publicly that it was prepared by a person who is not a D. A. R. member. Her counsel was more outspoken and charged that it had been prepared by Mr. Fred R. Marvin, in all probability making this statement because of the attempts on the part of Mrs. Bailie and her supporters to tie Mr. Marvin up with D. A. R. activities. However, Mr. Marvin did *not* prepare the list and as a matter of fact had absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with it, as will readily be seen from the following sworn statement which he made and which was filed at the hearing:

"Fred R. Marvin, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am the Fred R. Marvin, who is Executive Director of the Key Men of America. Some weeks ago a story appeared in the press credited to Mrs. H. T. Bailie, of Massachusetts, in which the said Mrs. Bailie was alleged to have charged, in substance and in effect, that I had supplied the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, with a list of speakers to be "blacklisted" by local branches of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

As to the allegation, to wit, that I had prepared a so-called "blacklist": This statement is wholly and unqualifiedly false. It is not based upon anything resembling truth. I have prepared no list of speakers "approved" or "disapproved" to the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, or any of its chapters or to any member of any of its chapters, or to any other organization, group of persons or individuals. I

have never issued any list of persons to be "blacklisted" as speakers by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, or any of its chapters or to any of its members, or to any other society, organization, group of persons or individuals. Any statement to the contrary is false, and any person making such statement either must know it to be false or such person has accepted without investigation statements made to such person by others.

(Signed) FRED R. MARVIN,
Executive Director, Key Men of America.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of June 1928.

(Signed) JOSEPH M. RINGROSE,
Notary Public, New York County."

After the meeting at which this list was submitted for discussion, Mrs. Bailie according to her own statement, asked if she might take a copy home for the purpose of more careful perusal. This permission being granted, Mrs. Bailie repaid the confidence reposed in her by calling in the press, labeling the list a "blacklist" and attributing its authorship to the National Society of the D. A. R. That this was contrary to the facts and that giving utterance to it in the press might embarrass the society whose welfare so concerned her was apparently quite immaterial to Mrs. Bailie. Application of the word "blacklist" in this instance is just an invention on the part of Mrs. Bailie. When she was given an opportunity before the National Board of Management in Washington to justify her action she admitted that she had no personal knowledge whatsoever as to the list being known to, or distributed by the National Society. She simply thought that such was the case and upon that flimsy pretext based her accusation that the National Society of the D. A. R. was "operating a blacklist" (See "Our Threatened Heritage" p. 12). It is of interest to note what some of her testimony reveals upon the particular point in question, as follows:

Question. Did you know of it of your own knowledge?

Answer. Only what I was told.

Q. On the strength of what you were told you were willing to brand the Society D. A. R. with this statement?

A. I believed that the National Board must know about it.

Q. You just thought so?

A. Yes.

Q. On this statement you spread it broadcast throughout the country?

A. I did not attempt to brand the National Society.

Q. By any name you call it, you gave the pamphlet to the press?

A. I did.

Solely upon hearsay and unfounded supposition she sought to brand the society she claims to love so dearly.

With the Continental Congress but two weeks off, Mrs. Bailie showed again her distaste for following recognized and prescribed procedure in presenting her views to the national membership of the Society whose welfare was her deep concern. This time, in order to get her message over, she used a pamphlet entitled "Our Threatened Heritage," which she distributed broadcast, releasing it in time to reach the public just before the Continental Congress would convene. Using this medium, which was sponsored by a so-called "Committee of Protest," Mrs. Bailie accused the National Officers of the D. A. R.——

Of having violated the spirit in which the Society was conceived, in that the Society, through its Defense Committee, engaged in supporting the National Defense Act and in opposing those who did not;

Of having engaged in a "campaign of partisan propaganda," in that the Defense Committee opposed by every reasonable means those who were engaged in subversive movements;

Of having pledged the Society on important matters without a definite expression of opinion from the membership, in that Mrs. William Sherman Walker of the Defense Committee had appeared at a meeting of the Committee on Naval Affairs and advocated the pending Naval Program without authority;

Of taking part in an "unworthy enterprise," in that they cooperated in opposing the platform of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom;

Of having "perpetrated excesses," in that they criticized Mr. Frederick J. Libby, of the National Society for the Prevention of War, and because certain members were opposed to the policies of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom;

Of being subject to "foreign domination," in that they are alleged to have been guided by certain persons not members of the D. A. R.

Just how lacking in fact were these accusations will be seen later in the reference which will be made as to what was actually shown by the testimony.

Then came the date on which the Congress was to convene. Mrs. Bailie proceeded to Washington, and, though somewhat belatedly, she was apparently at last going to test the procedure laid down by the by-laws.

As she was not herself a delegate to the Congress, it was necessary for her to have her views presented by someone who was, and for this purpose she selected Mrs. Eleanor S. P. St. Omer Roy, a member of the Molly Foster Berry Chapter, in Kansas, who at the same time is the office secretary in Washington for the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Mrs. Bailie's selection of Mrs. Roy as her spokesman is explained perhaps when it is known that the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is committed to the following objects:

Work against the National Defense Act.

Work against Citizens Military Training Camps.

Work against Military Training in Schools and Colleges.

Work in State Legislatures to cut down legislative appropriations for State Militia.

Having secured such a representative to present her message we will shortly see just what that message was.

Mrs. Roy, although she is said to have had legal training, and knew that the standing rules of the Continental Congress required that all resolutions should be presented first to the Resolutions Committee, nevertheless seemed to share Mrs. Bailie's disinclination to follow regular procedure and tried to bring her resolution to the Congress from the floor of the house. When the President General refused to waive the established rules in her favor, as perforce she must, Mrs. Roy promptly charged that her resolution would be killed in committee, but was left with little point to her argument when permission was granted, not only to her, but to Mrs. Bailie as well, to speak in behalf of their resolution before the Resolutions Committee. This they did and the resolution was not killed in committee, but was later presented by the Reso-

lutions Committee to the Continental Congress without recommendation. It now devolved upon Mrs. Roy to move the adoption of her resolution, which was as follows:

WHEREAS: Delegates to the annual Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution cannot be prepared to express the majority voice of their chapters on national questions or on controversial issues if presented to the Congress without ample previous notice, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That all questions of national importance shall in future be referred to the several chapters for discussion and action before the annual Congress or the National Board or any of our officers shall proceed to commit our Society as a whole to any policy of serious importance to the several chapters.

WHEREAS: Our expressed desire for an enlightened public opinion in our Society requires that all sides of a given question shall be discussed in our chapters, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the several chapters shall in future use their own discretion in selecting speakers for their meetings.

WHEREAS: The present policies of the Committee on National Defense do not reflect the considered opinions of the several chapters, and

WHEREAS: Such policies are of tremendous importance to our Society, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Committee on National Defense submit an outline of its policies to the several chapters for their approval or disapproval.

Quite aside from what should be evident to anyone, that to have adopted any such resolutions would have resulted in absolute chaos, if not in the actual disintegration of the Society, Mrs. Bailie had now had her opportunity, her views had been presented to delegates representing national membership and the time had come when it was to be learned if those views appealed to the majority. Apparently they did not, for the motion was lost by an overwhelming vote of 2,000 to 6. The majority had spoken, but Mrs. Bailie was then, and apparently still is, unwilling to listen to its voice.

It was becoming daily more and more apparent to loyal members of the D. A. R. that the persistent attacks by Mrs. Bailie were injuring the good name of the Society and tending to cause dissen-

sion in its ranks. Mrs. Bailie was becoming a menace to the harmony of the organization and the time had come when, in order to preserve the integrity of the Society, disciplinary action against Mrs. Bailie must be taken. Section 1, of Article 11, of the by-laws of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, reads as follows:

"Discipline.

"Section I. Any member conducting herself in a way calculated to disturb the harmony of the National Society or to injure its good name or hamper it in its work may, on charges filed after investigation, be reprimanded, suspended or expelled by the National Board of Management."

Accordingly, charges signed by nineteen members were filed with the Recording Secretary General, and by her referred to the Executive Committee, which in turn, having investigated the matter, referred it to the National Board of Management with the recommendation that appropriate action be taken.

The findings on the charges against Mrs. Bailie, as originally drafted, by the Executive Committee and referred to the National Board of Management, were as follows:

That Mrs. Bailie——

A. Gave out for publication papers intended only for Society purposes;

B. Wrote letters to persons, without as well as within the Society, maligning the officers of the Society;

C. Published and circulated, within and without the Society, a pamphlet entitled "Our Threatened Heritage," containing statements derogatory to the good name of the Society, belittling its work, falsely accusing its officers of unauthorized acts, stating that the officers were duped and hypnotized, and containing propaganda contrary to the express policy of the Society in regard to its patriotic work;

D. Wrote letters, made statements to the press and circulated letters and a pamphlet containing allegations to the effect that the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution was violating the Constitution of the United States by suppressing free speech and "blacklisting" its citizens;

E. Spoke before at least one Society in a manner injurious to the Daughters of the American Revolution;

F. Organized without authority a committee, self-styled "Daughters of the American Revolution, Committee of Protest," which action on her part in so organizing the said committee is opposed to the principles and recognized procedure of the Society.

Copies of these findings were supplied to Mrs. Bailie and her counsel, and in a personal interview between the latter and myself, which was later confirmed by letter, the findings were fully amplified.

The action which was taken as set forth above was in accordance with the procedure provided by the by-laws of the National Society, which also provides for an appeal to the Continental Congress from any decision of the National Board of Management.

The apparent purpose of the Executive Committee in submitting the finding "A," as shown above, was to cover the act on the part of Mrs. Bailie in violating the confidence which had been reposed in her by the Regent of her own local chapter. As this was purely a state matter and had nothing whatever to do with the National Society, against which the activities of Mrs. Bailie had been directed, for which activities it was to be determined whether or not she merited disciplining, I made a motion to amend the finding to read as follows:

"Gave out for publication statements and interviews injurious to the name of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution."

Later in the hearing I submitted another motion asking that the first finding be struck out entirely, giving as the principal reason therefor the fact that counsel for Mrs. Bailie had objected to the amendment on the ground of insufficient notice. I stated that I would rather have the entire finding dropped so that all objection on Mrs. Bailie's part might be removed. This answers the oft repeated statement of Mrs. Bailie that this was an admission of defeat, whereas it was an effort on my part to make the conduct of the hearing technically perfect.

After the hearing had started, one of the first moves of Mrs. Bailie's counsel, in order to keep out of the record the various newspaper clippings which had emanated from Mrs. Bailie and which I intended to offer as proof of her activities against the Society, was to enter into a stipulation admitting that the pamphlet "Our Threatened Heritage" had been given to the American press by Mrs. Bailie and that she had also given out personal interviews based on the subject matter of that pamphlet and

also upon the speech she had made before the Boston Ethical Society. It being thus *admitted* by Mrs. Bailie it was not necessary to offer any proof in support of the charge that she had given out interviews and statements to the press.

In support of Item "B" an original letter from Mrs. Bailie to Mrs. Kate Crane Gartz was submitted to the Board and in addition thereto a letter written by Mrs. Bailie to Mrs. Peabody enclosing another letter which she asked to have read at the meeting of the Massachusetts State Conference. In the latter Mrs. Bailie wrote in part as follows:

> "The clauses in our D. A. R. Constitution which concentrate power of initiative into the hands of the National Board of Management have betrayed us into the camp of the enemy. The extreme reactionaries who now, from outside our Society, govern the minds of that Board are doing more to subvert the Constitution of the United States than all the communists in the world.
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> "How dastardly, then is the appeal to 'patriotism' which concludes 'The Common Enemy'! If we echo what the author of this pamphlet defines as our patriotic duty, we shall make our Society a hissing and a byword."

Under "C" Mrs. Bailie was charged with falsely accusing officers of the Society with unauthorized acts, the specification of which was that she had stated that Mrs. William Sherman Walker had appeared at a hearing of the Naval Affairs Committee and supported the pending naval program without authority. A certified copy of the resolution of the Continental Congress was submitted in evidence, reading as follows:

> "Resolution adopted by the Thirty-sixth Continental Congress, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, April 18-23, 1927.
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> "RESOLVED, * * * that the Navy, as an essential part of the national defense, be maintained fully in the ratio of 5-5-3, as set forth in the Limitation of Arms Conference, and that Congress immediately provide funds to commence construction of the three authorized cruisers and to enact the pending measure which would authorize 10 additional cruisers. * * * "

In addition thereto there were submitted letters from Secretary of the Navy, Honorable Curtis D. Wilbur, and Honorable Fred A. Britten, Chairman

of the Naval Committee of the House, both of which were to the effect that the navy contemplated by the pending naval program would not be up to the 5-5-3 ratio. Upon this particular phase, it is interesting to note some of Mrs. Bailie's testimony, as follows:

> Q. You charged in your pamphlet that you circulated that Mrs. Walker did an unauthorized act and yet you admit here that you do not know whether she did or not.
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> A. I do not know that. I did not say that.
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> Q. You just stated that you did not know whether it brought it up to the 5-5-3 ratio or not. Do you know? I am asking you if you do know?
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> A. Well, I do not know.

In support of Item "D" a copy of "Our Threatened Heritage," the wide circulation of which was admitted by Mrs. Bailie, was submitted. Objection to the pamphlet in its entirety was made because the statements contained therein are derogatory to the good name of the Society and its accusations lacking in foundation. As Mrs. Bailie admitted having circulated "Our Threatened Heritage" and having given it to the press, proof as to this was unnecessary. In further support of the charges under this finding a number of newspaper clippings containing articles of the kind referred to were submitted.

In support of Item "E" a copy of Mrs. Bailie's speech before the Boston Ethical Society was submitted in evidence. Notice to produce this copy had been served upon counsel for Mrs. Bailie previous to the hearing, to the effect that unless it was produced secondary evidence would be used to prove that the speech was made and what she said.

Proof of Item "F" was also contained in "Our Threatened Heritage" by virtue of the title adopted by the so-called committee of protest, in violation of the by-laws of the Society.

In preparing this statement every effort has been made to avoid any allegation as to the underlying purpose on the part of Mrs. Bailie or her supporters, but I suggest to D. A. R. members who read it that they stop and analyze for themselves. The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, has become a tremendous power against radicalism, communism and pacifism, and nothing could be more dear to the hearts of supporters of those movements than the disintegration of the D. A. R., that great force for preserving American institutions and bringing to light the real aims and

purposes of movements directed against them, whether those purposes are known and premeditated, or unknown and supported merely because some people are uninformed.

The Constitution of the United States guarantees the right of free speech, but as the Supreme Court of the United States has said, it does not give one the right to publish libelous and defamatory statements against others. No man may disparage nor destroy the reputation of another, as every man has the right to have his good name maintained unimpaired and this right is a right absolute and good against the whole world. Words which on the face of them must injure the reputation of the person or organization referred to, if false, are actionable.

It has been rumored that Mrs. Bailie intends to appeal from the decision of the National Board of Management. I suggest, therefore, that careful consideration be given to what the courts have said with regard to the question of expelling persons for making public statements against societies of which they are members, and in this connection refer to Del Ponte v. Societa Italiana, 27 Rhode Island, 1, which is widely cited as a leading case upon the matter involved. In this case certain members of a society who were at odds with its officers for having done certain things opposed to their ideas saw fit to publish a paid advertisement in which they criticized the action of the society. Subsequent to this the matter was brought before the society as to the proper action to be taken and the members who had signed the advertisement were expelled. Appeal was made by them to the court to order their re-instatement, which was denied, and the court, in rendering its opinion, stated as follows:

> The strength of a beneficial association lies in its cohesive and expansive qualities, or its capacity to increase and hold its membership. Any thing that tends to loosen the bond of fellowship that binds the members together is injurious to the welfare of the society. The object of the society is to live and increase. It is therefore interested to preserve itself. Self preservation has been termed the first law of nature. It is of the most ancient origin; it antedates all constitutions and statutes made by man. It is the law under which we live, move and have our being; it is a law governing all persons, natural and artificial. High and low, rich and poor, wise and foolish, old and young, are subject to its inexorable sway. Obedience to it is rewarded,

while disobedience to it is inevitably punished. Out of its observance arises the doctrine of the survival of the fittest. It is an attribute of all corporations, from the state itself down to the least of its creatures. Upon it depends the police power of the state, which in its broadest acceptation, means the general power of a government to preserve and promote public welfare by prohibiting all things hurtful to the comfort, safety and welfare of society, and by establishing such rules as may be conducive of public benefit.

The highest offense that can be committed against a state is treason, for it tends to the disruption of the state itself, and therefore is the offense most severely punished. Hence loyalty to the state is one of the first requisites of citizenship. So membership in a corporation or society is based upon the implied, if not express, condition of loyalty. Disloyalty is punishable by the corporation. The power of expulsion in a corporation is included in what may be denominated its police power, which is derived from the law of self preservation. It must have the power to relieve itself of its discordant elements in order that harmony may prevail. The corporation, therefore, had the right to establish by-laws providing for the expulsion of members transgressing their reasonable provisions. Is the provision for expelling members "For defaming the members of the directive council or any member whatsoever for reasons connected with the society, causing dissension and disorders in the midst of the association" a reasonable one? We think that it is; it clearly comes within its police power. It does not provide for the expulsion of members who merely libel or slander members of the directive council or any member whatsoever, but such defamation must be "for reasons connected with the society"; and not that alone, but it goes further and provides for a result, to wit, "causing dissension and disorders in the midst of the association." * * * In the first place, the article is libelous. A libel has been defined to be "that which is written or printed and published, calculated to injure the reputation of another by bringing him into ridicule, hatred or contempt." The article is certainly defamatory, holding the society and its officers up to ridicule, for reasons connected with the society and manifestly does tend to disorder and dissension in the midst of the association. * * *

The dignity of the society is greater than that of any of its parts. * * * the expulsion of the petitioners from the society is not too severe a punishment for the society to inflict upon them for their infraction of its dignity by the publication of the defamatory article of which they were the authors."

H. RALPH BURTON.

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NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Mrs. William Sherman Walker, Chairman

Mrs. Helen Tufts Bailie, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the self-confessed author of "Our Threatened Heritage," has been expelled from the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, by the unanimous vote of the National Board of Management.

Why was this action taken?

Was it necessary to be severe?

Does Mrs. Bailie intend to pose as a martyr in the cause of free speech?

What people are soliciting funds for her defense?

What were the charges made against her?

Did she have an opportunity to deny, explain or justify the various acts with which she had been charged?

Was she allowed to have counsel to aid her?

Did the appearance of the D. A. R. Chairman of the National Defense Committee before the Naval Affairs Committee cause Mrs. Bailie to attempt to organize "The spirit of protest"?

The above questions may arise and may be quickly and satisfactorily answered by a brief review of the whole situation.

The decision of the Board to expel Mrs. Bailie was reached after Mrs. Bailie had been given full time and ample opportunity to deny, explain or justify the various acts with which she had been charged.

In letters, in the press and in a pamphlet entitled "Our Threatened Heritage," which she distributed widely without as well as within the Society, Mrs. Bailie accused the National Officers of the D. A. R.:

Of having violated the spirit in which the Society was conceived.

Of having engaged in a "campaign of partisan propaganda."

Of having pledged the Society on important matters without a definite expression of opinion from the membership.

Of taking part in an "unworthy enterprise."

Of having "perpetrated excesses."

Of being "hypnotized."

Of being subject to "foreign domination."

This pamphlet was timed to reach the public just before Continental Congress convened in April. As a result, charges against Mrs. Bailie for these acts were signed by nineteen prominent members of the D. A. R. and were filed with the Recording Secretary General and referred to the Executive Committee for consideration. These charges held that Mrs. Bailie had been guilty of conduct calculated to injure the good name and disturb the harmony of the Society, for which offense the By-Laws provide various disciplinary penalties, the most severe being expulsion.

The Executive Committee considered and investigated the matter and then referred the charges to the National Board of Management.

The findings of the Executive Committee stated that in their opinion the charges were well founded and should have judgment passed upon them by the National Board of Management. Thereupon June 21, 1928, was set as the date for the hearing, in accordance with the By-Laws, which say: "a date shall be set for a hearing on the charges, of which hearing the person accused shall be given at least three weeks notice to enable her to prepare her defense. The National Board of Management shall, after full hearing, at which the accused may appear in person and/or be represented by counsel, render its judgment upon the charges, and in case it shall find that the person charged has been guilty of any offense therein charged, or included therein, shall impose sentence by way of reprimand, suspension or expulsion."

At 11 A. M. on June 21, 1928, Mrs. Bailie appeared before the Board of Management represented by her counsel, Mr. George W. Alger of New York and Mr. Lawrence G. Brooks, of Boston and witnesses, including Mrs. Eleanor S. P. St. Omer Roy.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Roy, who is office secretary of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, presented resolutions of protest in the D. A. R. Congress in April. These resolutions had originated with Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Bailie and if put in operation would nullify action of Congress and efface the original policies and traditions of the Society. This resolution, embodying a referendum vote of the Chapters, a forum plan of "hearing all sides," and protest against the work of the Committee on National Defense, was repudiated by a vote of 2,000 to 6, showing that the Society is determined to preserve the principles and carry out the policies established by its founders.

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom seems to have offered aid to Mrs. Bailie in a tangible form, for letters signed by Jane Addams, International President, and three other persons have been sent to prominent men and women asking for financial assistance to defend Mrs. Bailie on the ground of the D. A. R. "unauthorized support of extreme military preparedness."

Mr. H. Ralph Burton, counsel for the D. A. R., read the following charges that Mrs. Helen Tufts Bailie—

Wrote letters to persons without as well as within the Society, maligning the officers of the Society;

Published and circulated, within and without the Society, a pamphlet entitled "Our Threatened Heritage," containing statements derogatory to the good name of the Society, belittling its work, falsely accusing its officers of unauthorized acts, stating that the officers were duped and hypnotized, and containing propaganda contrary to the express policy of the Society in regard to its patriotic work;

Wrote letters, made statements to the press and circulated letters and a pamphlet containing allegations to the effect that the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, was violating the Constitution of the United States by suppressing free speech;

Spoke before at least one Society in a manner injurious to the Daughters of the American Revolution;

Organized without authority a committee, self-styled "Daughters of the American

Revolution, Committee of Protest," which action on her part in so organizing the said committee is opposed to the principles and recognized procedure of the Society.

There was no rushing nor railroading nor steam-roller process about this hearing. Mrs. Bailie and counsel were present for over seven hours. The evidence adduced through the testimony of Mrs. Bailie completely eliminated the so-called "blacklist" from any connection with the National Society. Under cross-examination by Mr. Burton, Mrs. Bailie also admitted that she had never seen a copy of such a list as she had described outside the State of Massachusetts and that she had never known of any National officer of the D. A. R. possessing any such list. This testimony corroborated the announcement made by the President General to Continental Congress as follows:

"Now in regard to the alleged "blacklist," I want to say once and for all that the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution issues no such list. (Applause.)

An editor in Kansas made the statement in his paper that the President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution compiled a list without the authority of her Board of Management. I did not take the time or the trouble to answer that in public, but I fling the challenge here and now to everybody in the world that I am not responsible for any such list. Further, I say that any State Regent, any State leader, in the Daughters of the American Revolution has a perfect right to advise her Chapters who shall come upon their platforms to speak. (Applause.)

I have seen no less than twenty-five different lists issued by twenty-five different organizations. If other organizations reserve the right to advise their members, we certainly have the same privilege. (Applause.)

I do not recall at any time having received an invitation to address organizations that are not in sympathy with the Daughters of the American Revolution. (Applause.) They have a perfect right to keep me off their platforms. I do not seek their platforms nor the control of their policies. We control our own policies and we probably shall as long as the Daughters of the American Revolution exist. (Applause.)

This is my final statement in regard to lists. There is no such word in our vocabulary as "blacklist," but so long as the leaders of the States wish they may advise for or against speakers to appear before the organization. (Applause.)

(The Congress arose.)"

Another of the accusations made by Mrs. Bailie in effect was that Mrs. William Sherman Walker, Chairman of the Committee on National Defense, had appeared before the Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, representing the D. A. R., and had supported the then pending Naval Program (the President's program) without the authorization of the National Society or the approval of Chapters. Evidence produced by Mr. Burton completely shattered this charge that had been heralded across the country by Mrs. Bailie. The evidence offered also stoutly confirmed the original announcement made to the press by National Officers at Headquarters at the outbreak of Mrs. Bailie's campaign of protest. It was shown that Mrs. Walker was well within her rights in officially supporting an increased Navy, for the 36th Continental Congress had endorsed a Navy brought up to the strength of the 5-5-3 ratio of the Washington agreement in the following terms:

"Resolved, . . . that the Navy, as an essential part of the national defense, be maintained fully in the ratio of 5-5-3, as set forth in the Limitation of Arms Conference, and that Congress immediately provide funds

to commence construction of the three authorized cruisers and to enact the pending measure which would authorize 10 additional cruisers . . .

Documentary evidence from the Honorable Mr. Curtis D. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy, was presented at the hearing showing that the administration program did not come up to the 5-5-3 ratio. A letter from Congressman Fred A. Britten, Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs of the House of Representatives, was also produced which said:

. . . Concerning the original 71 shipbuilding program presented to Congress by the President in December 1927 and its relation to the 5-5-3 Washington Conference ratio, I would respectfully suggest that this program had distinctly in mind a positive adherence to the principles of the Washington Treaty even though the ships enumerated were not specifically covered by that Treaty.

The program was in no sense competitive, but, on the contrary, was intended to 'round out' our fleet for the proper defense and protection of American commerce which now finds its way into every port in the world. . . .

You may be assured that the Committee on Naval Affairs is in accord with the present administration of the Navy Department for strict adherence to the principles of the Washington Treaty for all ships in the American Navy."

It must be borne in mind that at the hearing Mrs. Bailie was given entire liberty to present her case through her personal testimony and that of her own selected witnesses and through the arguments and advice of her two attorneys.

The National Board of Management gave the strictest attention to the entire proceedings and came to their conclusions through orderly procedure and by means of conscientious weighing of all the evidence submitted and the facts involved.

The President General's unfailing courtesy, evident throughout the hearing, her dignified rulings and Mr. Burton's fair handling of the entire hearing, added new laurels to the Society's record of equitable dealing toward its members.

It is apparent that the action of the 37th Continental Congress in endorsing the work of the National Defense Committee and the unanimous decision of the National Board of Management to expel Mrs. Bailie indicates that the National Society intends to continue to uphold the highest principles of Americanism.

The Summit *Herald*, of Summit, New Jersey, comprehensively sums up the situation in an editorial entitled *Coolidge and the D. A. R.*, reading as follows:

"It is to be hoped that the conspirators who have been defaming the Daughters of the American Revolution and trying to destroy their influence will take note of President Coolidge's recent remarks about the failure of Congress to enact the Navy Bill.

It is notorious that the scurrilous and mendacious attack upon the D. A. R. was made chiefly as a part of the Pacifist campaign against the Navy Bill. The Pacifists realized the magnitude of the influence which that great organization was able to exert in favor of that wise and patriotic measure, and they thought that they could impair that influence and defeat the bill by lampooning and libelling the Daughters. That was why they started their howling and caterwauling about a 'blacklist' which never existed outside of their own perverted imaginations—or invention.

Well, President Coolidge makes it plain that the D. A. R. were right. He deplores the failure of Congress to enact the bill, and confidently anticipates its adoption at the next session. We think that the D. A. R. can afford to stand with the President, even at the cost of incurring the spiteful hostility of the pink Bolshevettes."

Confidential Information Memorandum for D. A. R. Members Only

By Flora A. Walker, *Chairman, National Defense Committee*

THE National Defense Committee of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, came into being as the result of a Resolution passed by the Thirty-Fourth Continental Congress (1925) which reads in part:

Whereas, the Daughters of the American Revolution are pledged to support adequate National Defense against enemies from without and enemies from within the Republic which their ancestors fought to establish. . . . Therefore be it

Resolved, That the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, in 34th Congress assembled, recommend a definite intensive campaign to be organized in every State to combat this danger; and further be it

Resolved, That State Regents be asked to appoint a chairman to direct the campaign of "Cooperation on National Defense."

In keeping with the definite National Defense policies of the Society early established and re-emphasized through a long stretch of years, the National Defense Program has taken the positive form of support of the plan of the National Defense Act of 1920 and endorsement of the Navy Building Program in addition to a firm stand for protection of our American institutions against subverting agencies.

On February 17th I appeared before the Naval Affairs Committee, at their request, and stated that:

"We do not presume to dictate to Congress through our newly acquired privilege at the election booths, but we do wish to support Congressmen in obtaining the best possible protection for our homes, our red-blooded American families, our National Institutions and our ever-widening commerce.

"In order to be intelligent upon the issues arising, a Committee on National Defense has been set up within our Society, whose duty it is to collect, evaluate and disseminate to our membership information in support of defense by sea and land. . . . When it speaks on such a question as the Naval Building Program it does so in the spirit of maintaining, for America, the priceless heritage handed down to us from the Founder Patriots."

(Full text of testimony is published in the *Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine*, April, 1928, pages 250-252, together with statements about Professor William I. Hull made in cross-examination, and reference to resolutions of several States and Chapters upholding the National Society's stand on the Navy building program.)

Wide publicity resulted. Agitation of a minority group opposing my appearance before the Naval Affairs Committee centered in Massachusetts. The President General, Mrs. Alfred J. Brosseau, describes the situation in a letter reading, in part, as follows:

My Dear Member:

Through the press of the country and upon the lecture platform has spoken one Mrs. Helen Tufts Bailie, of Cambridge, Mass., in condemnation

of Mrs. William Sherman Walker, Vice-President General and Chairman of National Defense, and myself, as your President General.

Not satisfied with these public attacks, she has formed a self-appointed committee of lay members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and under the caption, "Our Threatened Heritage," has issued a pamphlet which she has given to the newspapers and circulated freely within and without the organization.

The "Committee of Protest," is composed of fifteen members from various chapters, the majority of whom have never held office.

The pamphlet I have steadfastly refused to comment upon through the medium of the press, but to the members of this organization I assert the right of defense upon the grounds of my own long service.

In the language more forcible than courteous or cautious, this committee asserts that I am "hypnotized" and "under foreign domination." This refers to the Director of the Key Men of America, a man well known for his long and sturdy fight against radicalism.

The charge of hypnotism I pass by in the silent contempt which it deserves, but I wish to state most emphatically that *no man or woman* during the two years of my administration has dominated me.

The common problems of the National Society I have taken to the National Board of Management and together we have worked out their solution. My State Regents have not only been my advisers, but my own personal friends as well.

With all my being I resent the insult—the innuendo—contained in the statement that I am "either *unwilling* or *unable* to repudiate this domination."

The protest is based upon the following premises, which I will touch upon in his reply:

First, the appearance of Mrs. Walker before the House Naval Affairs Committee in February is cited for rebuke. I beg to inform you that she went in response to the request of the Naval Affairs Committee and no patriotic American woman could have done less. Had I not been in the far West attending State Conferences I would have been there myself.

Our Society has not only gone on record for the past twelve years as in favor of adequate national defense, but in 1927 the 36th Continental Congress unanimously endorsed the 5-5-3 ratio established by the Washington Conference for the Limitation of Armament.

In the meantime, you know that a seventy-one ship administration program was submitted. All the world knows that we had fallen far behind the other powers in our naval strength because we had practically ceased to build new vessels while the other countries had forged ahead with their construction of cruisers and submarines. Hence the administration program involved a policy which was intended to bring our standard more nearly up to the 5-5-3 ratio agreement of 1922.

Do you not see, therefore, that Mrs. Walker was well within her rights when she appeared before the Naval Affairs Committee?

The suggestion that the question should have been presented to the chapters for referendum is entirely out of order, since the majority vote of Continental Congress has ever been the final word of our Society, as all those who are familiar with its workings know.

Furthermore, the question of adequate defense of our nation should never be debated by loyal Americans and least of all by members of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Constitution provides for an Army and a Navy, of which our President is Commander-in-Chief, and that should be sufficient.

The alleged blacklist, to which Mrs. Bailie and her committee have given such wide publicity, hardly needs discussion. Suffice to say that this Society has never compiled and does not issue an official blacklist and the phrase has never had a place in our vocabulary.

However, you may rest assured that State leaders are within their legal and moral rights when they advise their chapters regarding speakers whom they consider, because of publicly expressed views, as out of harmony with our avowed purposes.

The Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution has been so potent in its work against the subversive forces that it is now subjected to attack with the hope of destroying its effectiveness through disintegration within the ranks.

It rests with you, fellow members, to stamp out this disaffection through loyalty to your organization in its stand for home and country.

Faithfully yours,

GRACE H. BROSSEAU
(Mrs. Alfred J. Brosseau),
President General, N. S. D. A. R.

The letter from which the above is quoted was given to every delegate in attendance at the 37th Continental Congress in order that this comprehensive explanation by the President General might clarify the whole matter.

Notwithstanding this thorough action on the part of the National Officers, Mrs. Helen Tufts Bailie appeared in the gallery at many of the sessions of the Continental Congress at Washington, during the week of April 16th to 21st. She kept in close touch with Mrs. Eleanor S. P. St. Omer Roy, a member of the Molly Foster Berry Chapter in Kansas, who at the same time is the office secretary of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom at Washington, D. C.

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom instructs in its program for the year 1926-1927:

"Work against the National Defense Act (in cooperation with the Committee on Militarism in Education . . . New York City).

"Work against Citizens Military Training Camps.

"Work against Military Training in Schools and Colleges. Support Welsh Bill. . . .

"(For work in State Legislatures.) Cut down legislative appropriation for State militia."

While the program for 1927-1928 advocates "Further reduction of Naval appropriations. Cooperation with the National Council for Prevention of War."

The proposals as to policy voted at the annual meeting, Cleveland, May 1, 1927, suggest:

"We propose to continue to protest where we can (by stickers on tax bills or otherwise) against taxes for making war and also against use of cancellation stamps advertising the military training camps."

Mrs. Roy has had legal training. She is obliged to understand the policies of the Women's International League so that she can answer questions and explain details. She has also passed out the literature which advises people to work against the National Defense Act and to work for further reduction of naval appropriations.

The standing rules of Continental Congress held that all resolutions should be presented to the Resolutions Committee. Nevertheless Mrs. Roy tried to bring a resolution to Congress from the floor of the house. (Mrs. Roy is known to have had conferences with Mrs. Bailie.)

The President General in enforcing the standing rules made this comment:

"Lest there be any misapprehension regarding resolutions, I wish to state that resolutions may be offered upon any subject from excavations in Egypt to the hat of the President General (applause), but they must go through the regular channels. No resolutions will be read from the floor. You may submit them to the Resolutions Committee and they will be given full and due consideration. That rule we shall live up to, and kindly understand it." (Applause.)

Mrs. Roy's charges that her resolution would be killed in committee were silenced by permission being granted both to Mrs. Bailie and Mrs. Roy to speak to their resolutions before the Resolutions Committee the following morning.

Later that day the Resolutions Committee Chairman read the resolutions before the Continental Congress and added:

"Madam President General, your committee on Resolutions present these resolutions to the Congress without any recommendation." (Applause.)

Whereupon Mrs. Roy moved the adoption of these resolutions. This resolution (Number 17) reads thus:

WHEREAS: Delegates to the annual Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution cannot be prepared to express the majority voice of their chapters on national questions or on controversial issues if presented to the Congress without ample previous notice, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED: That all questions of national importance shall in future be referred to the several chapters for discussion and action before the annual Congress or the National Board or any of our officers shall proceed to commit our Society as a whole to any policy of serious importance to the several chapters.

WHEREAS: Our expressed desire for an enlightened public opinion in our Society requires that all sides of a given question shall be discussed in our chapters, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the several chapters shall in future use their own discretion in selecting speakers for their meetings.

WHEREAS: The present policies of the Committee on National Defense do not reflect the considered opinions of the several chapters, and

WHEREAS: Such policies are of tremendous importance to our Society, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Committee on National Defense submit an outline of its policies to the several chapters for their approval or disapproval.

(Signed) ELEANOR S. P. ST. OMER ROY,
Molly Foster Berry Chapter (Kansas).
ALFREDA G. COLLINS,
Pushmataha Chapter (Mississippi).

The motion by Mrs. Roy, "I move the adoption of these resolutions," was seconded by Mrs. Ellenore Dutcher Key. The transcript of the proceedings furnishes illumniating facts as follows:

The PRESIDENT GENERAL: "Are there any remarks?"

MRS. ELEANOR S. P. ST. OMER ROY: "Madam President General, Daughters of the American Revolution in Congress Assembled: At the time that these resolutions were prepared for submission to this Congress it was the feeling of those of us who were interested in their preparation that they were matters, you might say, so much a matter of course that they would almost carry themselves. We felt that they were the best way to smooth out a situation into which the Daughters had fallen where there was a great deal of misunderstanding and a great deal of what we were afraid was going to grow into inharmony in our midst.

"Since coming to the Congress this week I have been informed by officers of the Society and by other delegates that these are not so much a matter of routine as we had supposed. I have been told by individual delegates that they didn't know just what their chapters would say about it. They had only their own personal opinion regarding it. I have been assured by members of my own State delegation that my own State, those back home, are not entirely informed and are not absolutely certain how they feel about it. I am the one who suggested these resolutions to the Congress, to the committee, and I was the one who seconded their approval. Therefore, I feel that it is absolutely my duty, I am absolutely bound to be the first one to obey them.

"The first group suggests that in all matters of vital importance the chapter shall have an opportunity to be informed and to study every matter of vital importance before it is acted upon here. Since this has proved to be not a routine matter but a matter that is controversial, since it has proved to be a matter regarded by our honored officers as a matter of vital importance, therefore I feel that the chapters should have a chance to study it before any action is taken, and therefore, Madam President, I move that these resolutions be laid upon the table."

The PRESIDENT GENERAL: "Is there a second to your motion, Mrs. Roy?"

(The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alfreda G. Collins.) . . . .

MRS. HERON: "Madam President General, I protest against the tabling of these resolutions. Now that they have been brought before us the loyal

supporters of this Administration desire this opportunity to vote against them." (Prolonged applause.)

The PRESIDENT GENERAL: "We are debating an undebatable motion. The question is shall this resolution be laid upon the table? If you want to discuss it vote 'no' on laying it on the table. If that is carried then you may discuss the original resolution all you wish and vote upon it as you wish, standing or sitting. All in favor of laying the resolution on the table say 'aye'; opposed, 'no.' The motion is lost.

"We are wasting time. The motion is lost. The question is now upon the adoption of the resolution. Are there any remarks?

"I recognize Mrs. Killiam."

MRS. KILLIAM: "I would like to have Mrs. Roy tell us with what organizations she is connected aside from the D. A. R." (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT GENERAL: "I will recognize Mrs. Roy, merely to answer the question."

MRS. ROY: "I shall answer the question. I am connected with many organizations. I shall try to give you the names of all the organizations to which I belong. I hope I won't omit any of them. I am a member of the Alumni of the State University of Kansas, from which I graduated. I am a member of the Tusculum Monday, a federated club of Cincinnati, Ohio. I am a member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom." (Audible protests and hisses. Instantly Mrs. Brosseau rapped for order and the confusion subsided.)

The PRESIDENT GENERAL: "Mrs. Roy is entitled to the floor and to the courtesy of the floor."

MRS. ROY: "I am a member of the National Women's Party. I think that covers all of the organizations to which I belong, in addition, of course, to the Daughters of the American Revolution, which was the first one except the Alumni to which I ever became affiliated."

The PRESIDENT GENERAL: "Thank you, Mrs. Roy. Thank you for the information." . . .

"Are there any further remarks on the resolution?"

MRS. CHARLES W. CABEEN (Syracuse, N. Y.): "I want to say in the first place that I am for defense just as much as anybody. My two sons both served in the World War and I would do it again if it were necessary, but I still say, I wish to say, that this question of defense for security, security for the present, and the great questions, international questions, involving peace for the future, are the greatest, dearest questions to all of us and that we differ very much on the solution. I would say that last night the address on National Defense was to me very good and acceptable up to the definition of internationalism, but why put anarchy and atheism together and call them internationalism? I object to the definition. If it is a question of what organizations I belong to beside . . ."

The PRESIDENT GENERAL: "Nobody has asked that. Talk to the resolution."

Mrs. Cabeen: "These are questions under which there is such great difference of opinion throughout the intelligent thinking world—it is reflected in our periodicals of all kinds and we differ so much on it; in my own chapter there is very great difference as to how these great questions are worked out and it is not quite fair to put us as opposing national defense because we cannot agree to these definitions of internationalism as they are sometimes given. Don't think that our D. A. R. organization is not dear to me. It is very dear to me, but I would stand strongly for the resolution from Kansas. The situation is very difficult. I have in my hand a circular sent out by our Association, our Committee on National Defense."

The President General: "The time is up." (One extra minute had been already allowed this speaker by the timekeeper.)

Mrs. Willey: "A question of information. The resolutions show so plainly that the maker of the resolutions is not familiar with the workings of the chapters that I would like to ask how many chapter meetings the maker of the resolution has visited or participated in in her own State this year."

The President General: "Are there any further remarks?"

Mrs. Bissell: "In regard to the resolution that has been presented, I would like to speak on three points, Madam President General, if I have your permission. We are organized as a national Society under a charter from the Government of the United States and we operate just as the Government operates. We elect our representatives back in the state who make up our state conferences. We elect further our delegates, our representatives to come to Congress. We trust our policies to the Congress and between Congresses to the National Board of Management. Just as back in our local and state and federal governments, our policies are in the hands of our legislative body, the National Board, so we have absolute confidence in them and if we deprive them of our confidence by adopting resolutions of this sort, we are going back entirely on the principles under which we organized and upon which we operate." (Applause.)

The President General: "The Chair recognizes Mrs. Story."

Mrs. Story: "I would like to ask the reason for this resolution. This organization has not adopted or acted under new laws. The statutes will show and the minutes of the past years that the action taken is absolutely justifiable and has been taken under the direction of the Congress, the National Board and the various committees. It is exceedingly hampering to be obliged to defer action at certain times. I would like to assure my associates and those present that no law has been infringed upon, no undue liberty has been assumed. The action of The Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Defense Committee, has been absolutely within the limits of the laws of the organization, the laws that you yourselves have made." (Applause.)

The President General: "Mrs. White of Florida."

Mrs. White (Florida): "Madam President General: We are, above all else, an American Organization. (Applause.) The American Govern-

ment is a representative government. Our by-laws provide for the proper election of delegates to this Congress. It is the business of every chapter to send here intelligent representatives who can vote upon any question which comes before them here. (Applause.) Ample opportunity has been given to the chapters to know thoroughly the policies of our National Defense Committee. If they have not informed themselves, it is not the fault of the Committee. They have simply not read the communications which have been constantly sent out.

"No speakers have been given on any official black list. You have simply had advice, and wise people are generally glad to receive advice from authoritative sources. (Applause.) I am convinced that the general sentiment of this Congress is overwhelmingly behind our National Defense Committee.

"The resolution under discussion is of a critical character. It is absolutely essential that we stand as an organization before the world united today and I therefore am bitterly opposed to the acceptance of this resolution." (Applause.) . . .

The PRESIDENT GENERAL: "Mrs. Roy has the floor."

MRS. ROY: "Daughters of the American Revolution: I ask the privilege of the floor again in order only that I may make quite clear my stand and answer a few of the questions that have been asked here and leave the rest of it with you.

"First of all, I wish to say that I was instructed to bring up these resolutions by my own Chapter. Therefore the number of times I have attended the Chapter meetings is immaterial since it was the Chapter itself which authorized me to come here and bring these resolutions to you today.

"In the second place, let me assure you from the depths of my heart that there is absolutely no thought, nor has there been a thought in my mind at any time discourteous or disloyal or supercritical of our present administration. As I told you when I came on the platform before, these resolutions were intended to clear the atmosphere and that is the only thing. We are assured that this is a democratic organization that conducts its business by properly elected delegates who are supposed to be representatives of their Chapters. So the remark has been made that they should send intelligent people who can vote on any subject coming up. I wish to say that I defy any human being, however intelligent, to be prepared to speak without preparation or to vote without preparation on any subject that might come before so important a body as this, and all I ask is that those of us who have sufficient intelligence to study questions should be given an opportunity to study them in advance.

"The second portion of the resolution is intended to free this organization from the very discreditable charge of having a 'black list' and putting it out or backing it officially. With the passage of such a resolution we assure the world at large as well as our own chapters that we are perfectly willing to listen and to give everybody the right of a day in court and a right to his on opinion.

"The third resolution is not intended in any way to intimate that we are not for adequate national defense. It is a request for information, and if the first portion of my resolution carries, the other would go automatically. It is not . . ."

The PRESIDENT GENERAL: "Time is up. . . . (The question was called for.) . . . All in favor of adopting the resolution please rise. Do you wish to hear the resolution read again before you vote? All right, Mrs. Joy will read it." (Mrs. Joy re-read the resolution.)

The PRESIDENT GENERAL: "All in favor of adopting this resolution as read please stand." (About six people arose.)

The PRESIDENT GENERAL: "All those opposed to adopting the resolution please stand." (About two thousand members arose to oppose the adoption of the resolution.)

The PRESIDENT GENERAL: "Please be seated. The resolution is lost." (Applause.) "The President General wishes to make an announcement.

"Now in regard to the alleged 'blacklist,' I want to say once and for all that the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution issues no such list.

"An editor in Kansas made the statement in his paper that the President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution compiled a list without the authority of her Board of Management. I did not take the time or the trouble to answer that in public but I fling the challenge here and now to everybody in the world that I am not responsible for any such list. Further, I say that any State Regent, any State leader in the Daughters of the American Revolution has a perfect right to advise her chapters who shall come upon their platforms to speak.

"I have seen not less than twenty-five different lists issued by twenty-five different organizations. If other organizations reserve the right to advise their members, we certainly have the same privilege.

"I do not recall at any time having received an invitation to address organizations that are not in sympathy with the Daughters of the American Revolution. They have a perfect right to keep me off their platforms. I do not seek their platforms nor the control of their policies. We control our own policies and we probably shall as long as the Daughters of the American Revolution exist.

"This is my final statement in regard to lists. There is no such word in our vocabulary as 'blacklist,' but so long as the leaders of the States wish they may advise for or against speakers to appear before the organization."

Mrs. Roy does not appear to be familiar with the history and procedure of the National Society. She does not seem to realize that Continental Congress is comprised of representative delegates who voice the sentiments of their chapters on vital measures just as representatives in the United States Congress are expected to express the consensus of opinion of their constituencies in legislative enactments. The National Society was founded by

women of vision and the policies of the Society have been the outgrowth of conservative development in which the lay membership has had a share equitably with officers.

To infer that an annual Congress or the National Board or any of the officers could "commit the Society as a whole to any policy of serious importance to the several chapters" without the chapters having a voice in the matter or having a representative vote in the action of Continental Congress is equivalent to a charge that the fundamental idea of a Continental Congress is faulty and to be deplored. On the other hand, the origin of Continental Congress is due to the selection of that plan by the best trained minds in the Society. If Mrs. Roy's resolutions were approved it would involve long delays and hindrance of action at Congress on measures at times demanding immediate attention. It is the prerogative of the chapters to elect their representatives to Congress on the basis of their fitness to pass on questions to be presented.

The proceedings of each Congress, copies of resolutions passed, by-laws, reports of chairmen and officers, news about and history of the Society, the Magazine, and quantities of leaflet and pamphlet material are available to the chapters throughout the year. Referendum votes are utterly contradictory to the representative ideal of a Republic established by the founders of the D. A. R. when they instituted Continental Congress. Over a century and a half of enjoyment of life in our Republic has proven that the principles of our government are well founded—that the principles of a republic promote the essence of democracy. Trained, selected representatives in a republic are the best index to the thought of a people. Mass action can not be depended upon to produce as strong results as such elected representatives have furnished wherever the two systems have been tried out.

The National Society again and again has enunciated its cardinal principles in support of Constitutional Government and true Americanism. No loyal member should by a tactic of protest suggest that the Chapters clutter their programs with discussions against American principles for the sake of "hearing all sides."

The Officers and National Board of Management do not carry out their duties in the spirit of a board of censorship as some would have the public believe. They do, however, advocate caution in program building to the end that speakers may be selected who are determined to support our constitutional form of government. We are plunged into an era of "hearing all sides of the question." That seems a clever tactic on the part of pacifists, obstructionists, defeatists, Socialists, and Communists to persuade conservative societies to yield to the "borers from within."

It is utterly contradictory to the initial plan of organization and to the fundamental processes of the National Society to insist upon pre-Continental Congress action on given questions by all the Chapters, as a requisite for preparation of the delegates to pass upon any measure at Continental Con-

gress. Therefore slight heed need be given to a wilful few who are trying to force referendum votes, compulsory instruction of delegates, pre-Congress Chapter action on measures and the camouflage of "hearing of all sides" of a question. (Involving the admission of obstructionists, pacifists, defeatists, socialists and revolutionary anti-defense leaders of all classes.)

Is it not clear then that when the majority speaks on a given question like that of national defense there is slight possibility of the leaders of the Society using ill-advised methods to carry out the instructions of Congress? And let it be borne in mind that the Officers only interpret and execute the instructions of Congress. They do not initiate policies.

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